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Purge on rifles and shotguns

EXCLUSIVE

Crime Correspondent

A fresh drive against firearms, including tighter restrictions on the use of rifles, shotguns, and airguns, is to be launched

by the Government. The move is expected to provoke a second battle with the powerful shooting lobby, which mounted a ferocious campaign against the outlawing of revolvers and pistols, introduced as a response to the Dunhlane

Among the likely Govern-ment proposals will be the introduction of an 18-year-old age limit on the use of shotguns, as well as making it harder for people to own the weapons. This would prevent young gun-users, such as Prince William, 15, and Prince Harry, 12, from shooting.

Other measures likely to be introduced are a licensing system for airguns, which currently are unregulated, and a ban on most rifles above the .22 calibre. The review may also consider a clampdown on replica weapons and mail-order

Signalling an inevitable clash between ministers and gun enthusiasts, a shooting group de-nounced the possible moves against rifles and shotguns as a aster", which they would op-

The Home Office is to carry out a review of the existing firearm laws, once the ban on handguns comes into place later this year. A Government source said: "We want to look at further firearms control, such as the use of airguns and the age limits. The age limits, or lack of them, are fairly bizarre at the

censing for airguns, as currently there is no checking system." The review is likely to start

in about six months' time, or early next year. Ministers will want to know what is further needed. This will include taking evidence from the police," said the Govern-

ment source. Senior police officers have already expressed their disquiet with the licensing of shotguns.

The previous government caused a nationwide revolt among firearm users when it introduced a ban on 160,000 large

tion of having some form of li- calibre handguns. Fresh anger was caused by Labour's decision to extend the ban to the re-maining 40,000 less powerful re-

> Alun Michael, a Home Office Minister, in a letter to the Liberal Democrat MP Matthew Taylor, has provided further evidence of the Government's intention to take action against

> In his letter, dated last Sunday, Mr Michael referred to an incident brought to his attention by Mr Taylor, in which a window was broken by an airgun. Mr Michael wrote: "I agree

that this needs looking at

He said that no action could be taken while the current gun legislation was going through Parliament, but added: ".... I can tell you that, when the handgun issue has been settled, we will look at what other firearms controls are needed to safeguard the public.

We will examine the law on airgins as part of that exercise." There are an estimated 200,000 licensed rifles in England and Wales, nearly 1.4m licensed shotguns and around 3

At present there is no minimum age for holding a shotgun certificate. The Government is likely to push for a minimum age of 18, or even 21. The licensing laws are also expected to be tightened.

- To obtain a shotgun certificate, which can be used to hold an unlimited number of weapons, you need to have land or a club to fire the gun and the signature of a "respectable" person. The police can object if they have good reason, al-though in 1994 only 220 licence applications for all firearms were turned down.

The certificate system may be changed to the more rigorous ones used for rifles, and shotgun owners may be forced to have a separate certificate for each gun.

On the question of rifles, the Government is expected to propose an outright ban on all weapons above .22 calibre, except for use in exceptional circumstances, such as for deer stalking. Janet George, spokeswoman of the British Field Sports Society, said her organisation

would try and prevent any re-

strictions of shotgun or rifle

Brown faces up to the euro

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

Gordon Brown will today open up a full-scale Treasury offensive to force the country to face up to the highly-charged ques-tion of the single European cur-

The move is bound to excite Euro-sceptic suspicion that the Government is engaged in a softening up process for early membership of the Euro - and abolition of the pound - possi-bly in time for the 1999 launch.

A Treasury source said last night that the government line remained firm; that while nothing was ruled out, formidable obstacles remained to firstwave British participation.

The latest date for British notification that it plans to join preparatory legislation would be needed. But one government source said last night that it might be possible to ask for more attrude on the timecable, if firm intention to join was given by the end of the

In a Lindon speech today, along, the Treasury will today

unlike the Tories, the new goverument believes the arguments for and against the Euro have to be addressed,

Whether Britain is in or out," he will say, "Economic and Monetary Union will have profound implications for British husiness and the British

As for the raw politics, Mr Brown helieves that his call for informed debate about the single currency contrasts markedly with the dogmatically blinkered approach taken by the previous government.

The danger for the Tories is that if the debate takes off, it could reopen the deep-seated and highly-damaging divisions within the Opposition ranks. Some Conservative front-

Hague that they will resign if he pushes the party line still further against Europe, although the new leader has already ruled ont single currency membership. under the Tories, for the next ten years.

To help move the debate

the Chancellor will argue that, publish a report on Economic and Monetary Union by Lord Currie of Marylebone, Professor of Economics at the London

Business School. That will he followed through, next week, with publication of a practical Treasury guide for husiness on the im-plications of a single currency. The Chancellor will argue to-

day that following the Amsterdam summit, and the new spirit of co-operation that was delivered by Tony Blair, the new Government was better placed to play a constructive role in the creation of the oew Euro.

Britain would be arguing

that economic reform would be required: to promote investment through the European single market; to get the advantages of the single market surance; to ensure economic convergence between EU member states; to get flexibility and adaptability in employment markets; and to encourage em-

ployment growth. Mr Brown will say European progress should be judged on the basis of those five tests.



Stable mates: Stud manager Sally O'Neill feeds a foel at the Gucci estate in West Sussex where prize-winning Arabian horses will be sold in a fortnight's time. An animal cruelty court case is pending against a former stablehand, Penny Armstrong, Seeking good home, page 3

Heroin novel wins children's book prize

David Lister

Children's fiction took a controversial lcap! into adult realism yesterday when a no vel about two teenagers' descent into a life of prostitution and heroin addil ction won the country's leading

funk, by 43-year-old Melvin Burgess, ain lied at teenagers aged 15 and over, worn the Library Association's Carnegie dedal, known as the Booker of the llayground. The prize, whose shortlist also included two books about bullying and

judged by a panel of 13 children's li-Celebrating its 60th year, the award was first won by Swallows and Amazons author Arthur Ransome. Mr Burgess's book is light years away from Ransome. It tells how a pair 14-year-old runaways

one about a violent child arsonist, is

slide into a nightmarish underworld of



'Would you let your child read this?'

titute: "Yeah, money's easy. You can earn it standing in a doorway or flat on At one point, one of the narrators, your back or in the back of someone's car. You can use your body same as oth-

er people do - carpenters, mechanics, gardeners."
In another section, she eulogises

heroin, saying: "Chasing the dragon ... it's like Chinese magic ... you feel like Romeo did when he finally got to bed

The front cover of the hook is a kaleidoscope of words such as Drugs, Sex, Heroin, Anarchy, Rave.

One character, Lily, uses heroin while breast-feeding: All the veins in her arms and behind her knees have gone where she's poked around with the needle so much, so she injects into the veins between her breasts. I've seen her sitting with the haby on the breast poking about to find a vein. Nice fat veins when your tits are hig and milky,' she said."

In an interview with The Independent today, Mr Burgess tells how his late brother was a drug addict. He is indignant about criticism of the book, saying: "It is just nonsense that any one should object to any child who is 14 or 15 reading something like this."

The book was defended by Lesley Sim. chairwoman of the Youth Libraries Group judging panel. She said: "Junk is an outstanding, ground-hreaking book – an extraordinary mixture of social commentary and gripping drama."

But others were more critical, BBC's The Bookworm programme is conducting its own poll of the nation's favourite children's books, and has been talking to children about the Burgess book.

The programme's editor, Daisy Goodwin, said yesterday: "It is drug tourism for middle-class children. Every year now this prize goes to a hook that has the goriest, socially shocking subject matter, and I'm not sure that's what children's literature should be about. The best children's books are an escape from all of that.

The children we have been talking to are impressed with the book because it's ahout such a sexy subject. It's not impossible that it will win our poll, but I hope it doen't. Would you want your.

Melvin Burgess probably doesn't mean to look scary, but he does.

Perhaps it is the missing front tooth. Never mind that he knocked it out with a hammer while on a DIY mission, it

still looks frightening' Interview, page 20

At last the South of France has the wine to match its women and song.

Nor until 1992 did the famous nymbhettes and chanteuses of the Midi have a local wine to complement their chic. It was fresh and spicy, yet stylish and refined - but could anything so good sury as good? In fact, say the critics, it got better as James Herrick refined his blend of New World technology and Old World know-how in Languedoc vineyards first used by the Romans. The result, this year, is a triumph: a wine good enough to provoke an impromptu rendering of Sur le pont d'Avignon. Herrick HADE NINAY James Herrick

Versace murder police seek high-flying rent boy

Miami

United States police and the manhunt yesterday for alleged gay serial killer Andrew Phillip Cunanan now and a price of the FBI launched a nationwide Cunanan, now prime suspect in Tuesday's Miami Beach murder of the Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace. .

Florida police searched cars and hotel rooms and issued detailed wanted posters, describing the 27-year-old Californian

gerous". Cunanan is wanted for five murders in four states over the past three months. He has been called a high-flying rent boy, well-spoken and ex-tremely bright, who may have emharked on an orgy of mur-der against wealthy homosexuals after being told he was

An FBI spokesman appealed to the large gay population of Miami Beach to watch out for have reached Miami airport the suspect but not to approach and flown to another city or

as "armed and extremely dan-gerous". Cunanan is wanted us get this man off the streets," said spokesman Paul Phillips. A Florida police spokesman also warned: "Anyone who has had previous contact with this indi-vidual should be concerned." There was no confirmation of

vague reports that Cunanan may have met the 50-year-old designer before. Police and FBI sources adahroad before the FBI and diverse police bodies - from Miami Beach. Dade County and Florida state - had a chance to link key evidence to Cunanan. One report said Cunanan, of part-Italian, part-Filipino origin,

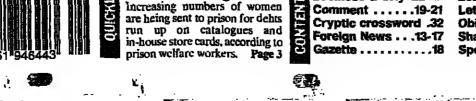
may have flown to Manila. The key evidence was a scarlet lightweight Chevrolet pickup van abandoned in a public car park two blocks from the Versace murder scene with hloodstained clothes dumped around it. It was almost 12

hours after the murder on Tuesday that Miami Beach police re- as curious sightseers left bouvealed that the van was thought to be one stolen by Cunanan from a cemetery aftendant he is suspected of murdering in New Jersey in May.

It also emerged yesterday that reported sightings of Cunanan in the Palm Beach area. north of Miami, caused the FBI to issue wanted posters of him two weeks ago. Meanwhile, the steps of Ver-

window "as a gesture of respect from one artist to another sace's oceanfront mansion were

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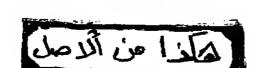
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Versace house on a nearby car

One girl posed in a Versace

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Birmingham Six men set to camp on Straw's doorstep

Four members of the Birmingham Six are preparing to camp on the steps of the Home Office in protest at the state's failure to fully

the steps of the Home Office in protest at the state's failure to fully compensate them for the 16 years they speot in prison.

Hugh Callaghan, 67, Paddy Hill, 52, Billy Power, 51, and Gerry Hunter, 52, will picket the offices of Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, unless he agrees to hold talks with them by the middle of next week. The four have decided to take their fight for compensation to Whitehall following six years of legal wrangling which has left them penniless. Two weeks ago, Mr Hill was taken to court by Haringey Council in London for failing to pay his council tax. He told the court that he simply had no money and was ineligible to claim benefits because no National Insurance contributions have been paid to cover his years in prison. Mr Callaghan, when he reached 65, was told he his years in prison. Mr Callaghan, when he reached 65, was told he would have to pay around £4,000 in missed contributions before

being eligible for a £63-a-week pension.

"We don't want to be millionaires," said Mr Callaghan. "We just want them to treat us fairly". The men have had two interim payments totalling £200,000, and a "final offer" in 1995 of around £100,000 for some of them, but they believe they are entitled to much more - and to an apology.

The Price of Freedom, The Tabloid

'Softly softly' pension review

A review of the pensions industry will be announced today by the Government, signalling e "softly softly" approach to Labour's plans for a top-up to the state pension. John Denham, the Social Security minister, will anounce a period of consultation leading next year to a Green Paper on the options for improving pension provision. Ministers will invite employers and unions, insurance companies and other groups to put forward proposals for the new funded receiper schemes. The appropriate transfer programs with the peosion schemes. The announcement may calm tensions with the private pensions industry which were heightened by the Chancellor's budget decision to abolish the tax relief received by pension funds. The Tories claimed the move to raise £5bn a year by 1999 amounted to a "smash-and-grah raid".

Colin Brown

Hunters lose track over Trust land



Stag hunters were yesterday stopped from pursuing the National Trust through the

High Court over its decision to ban deer hunting on its land. Mr Justice Tucker ruled that, because the trust is a charity, he had no jurisdiction to order a review of its policies. Matthew Knight, a solicitor

representing the hunters, said he was considering challenging the "unfortunate" decision in the Court of Appeal or applying to the Charity

Commissioners directly. But he admitted there was no chance that the West Country hunts would be able to use National Trust land when the deer-hunting season begins on I August.

Hamilton hits back on sleaze report

Neil Hamilton, the former Tory MP, will today deliver by hand to

Neil Hamilton, the former Tory MP, will today deliver by hand to the Commons a 30-page letter denying accusations made in Sir Gordon Downey's report into parliamentary sleaze.

He is expected to question the logic of the Parliamentary Standards Commissioner and to challenge MPs to interrogate Sir Gordon on his findings. Two weeks ago Sir Gordon's three-volume, 900-page report found "compelling" evidence that Mr Hamilton took cash from Mohamed Al Fayed, the Harrods boss, in return for lobbying services. Mr Hamilton denies the claims lobbying services. Mr Hamilton denies the claims.

Labour sheathes Excalibur

Excalibur, the rapid rebuttal computer at the heart of Labour's election campaign, has been wound down because of a shortage of cash. Where there were 10 party workers constantly inputting facts and quotes into the machine for easy retrieval, now there is just one. According to a report in this week's New Statesman, the party is in the red after a "massive overspend" during the election. Excalibur, which was introduced three years ago by Peter Mandelson, costs £250,000 a year to run. Party officials said last night that the machine

Beggars to go from rags to riches

Street beggars could become city wardens earning up to £14,000 a year under a plan put forward by Labour members of Bath and North East Somerset Council, designed to give beggars and rough sleepers the opportunity to come off the streets. In their new role they would tackle the problems of aggressive begging and litter.

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Face in the crowd: Aitken surrounded by photographers yesterday (Photograph: Brian Harris

Aitken's walkabout turns into a Whitehall farce-

The collapse of Jonathan Aitken's High Court li-bel case was a personal tragedy. Yesterday, his a high wall.

Mr Aitken was not going to place. ly descended into high farce.

The disgraced former Cabinet minister announced that he was going to break cover after returning to the

ly walk to College Green wearing a dente suit; a tan. he said. The layer and a fixed smile which rapidly turned into a grimage filter was: It's at as photographers descended on him en masse. For

"I don't think we are going t

country from his bijet self-imposed exile, following his har hairon in the defamation action. Pointedly, he had chosen to appear across the road from the House of Commons, the place where he had misled fellow MPs over his now notorious stay at the Ritz Hotel in Paris in 1993.

In a statement, the former chief secretary to the Irea stay, and defence procurement minister had said his would pose for pictures but would not make any comments about the court case or its aftermant. He fixes a Scotland Yard investigation into aftergations of perpendicular to the perpendicular t

Kim Sengupta

Court allows coma

woman to die

Newall sails into storm over medal from Falklands

Roderick Newall (right), the former Army officer serving a life sentence for the murder of his parents, has become embroiled in a row in the Falkland Islands, over a decision to honour him for his athetic prowess

Newall made many friends in the Falklands when he briefly settled on the South Atlantic outpost after using his dead parents' monev to sail around the world.

His outgoing personality made him popular in Port Stanley and he was willing to run errands in his yacht, delivering Christmas parcels to isolated farmsteads and helping out during the sheepin 1991 he surprised the is-

landers by winning their annual running race. The mile-long con-test, which takes place at Pebble Island on West Falkland, is part of e week-long sporting festival.

the event, and is head of broad-casting for the Falkland islands Broadcasting Service, decided to present Newall with his winning



medal in a epecial visit to La Moye prison on Jersey where the killer is erving his sent

He said he had not had a chance to present Newall with the medal before he was arrested by the Navy while sailing his yacht. There ere quite a lot of [Falkland Islanders] who remember Rod and think a lot of him," he said.

But others disagree, One said: "It has caused e lot of anger. Astonishment, actually. Newall is e disgusting person who killed his parents for money and personally I think that giving him e medal is absolutely outrageous.

A woman in a state of "living death" since a car crash three years ago should be allowed to die, a senior judge ruled yesterday.

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the High Court's Family Division, gave permission to a health authority to switch off the mother-oftwo's life support machines after hearing evidence that she was in

permanent vegetative state (PVS). All life-sustaining treatment, including assistance with breathing, feeding and hydration, should be brought to e conclusion, the judge

The woman, aged 43, who can-not be identified for legal reasons, will leave a husband, 17-year-old son and 14 year-old-daughter. She is the latest of e small but growing

number of "right to die" cases. Sir Stephen had been told during the three-day hearing that the woman's husband, doctors and carers all egreed that she should be allowed to die in peace and with dignity. She has been in a coma in hospital since the crash in 1994 in which she was the driver

and her son e passenger.

Patricia Wynn Davies

Law allows lorry drivers to work while exhausted

A loophole in the law means lorry drivers can drive even when their judgment is almost as impaired as someone who is over the

According to research carried out at the Centre for Sleep Research at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woodfield, Australia, after 23 hours without sleep the average person's hand-eye co-ordination is as badly affected as somebody with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 per cent — over the British legal limit.

But the Department of Transport yesterday admitted that lorry drivers are allowed to work for 20 hours without a break. The law states that they may only drive 10 hours in any 24-hour period - but there is nothing to prevent two periods of 10 hours being concurrent. The journey might start at the "end" of one day and continue into the "beginning" of the next.

Alson Goddard

Six firms losing war on leakage

Leakage actually increased at six water companies over the past year, despite the pressures of drought and reams of bad publicity about how much water the firms have been wasting, the industry's

about how much water the firms have been wasting, the industry's economic regulator. Ofwat, said yesterday.

But Mid-Southern Water's leakage rose by 6 per cent-since last year, from 196 litres per property per day to 205 litres — the highest increase recorded by any company. The company serves 650,000 people on the southern fringes of London and Surrey.

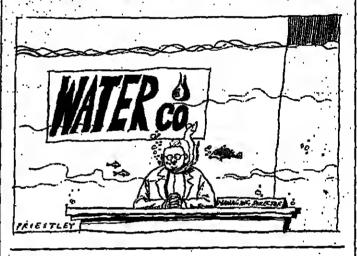
The other five offenders are: mid-Southern's sister company, Eastbourne-based South East Water, which serves 650,000 in west Kent and Susser, Wrezham, Three Valleys, covering a large swathe of country north-east of London, Bournemouth and West Hampshre, and Northumbrian, with 2.5 million consumers in England's far north-east.

England's far north-east.

The most impressive performance in cutting leakage came from the giant Severn Trent company, with a 24 per cent fall over the year, followed by Chester, with a 23 per cent reduction.

Britain's biggest water company, Thames, cut leakage by a modest 2.3 per cent and remains the largest overall leaker, with 321 litres lost per property per day.

Nicholas Schoon



HEALTH

'Mad cow' link to humans confirmed

Humans can catch "mad cow disease" from infected cattle, according to test-tube experiments - but not easily. New work by a team of British scientists at the Institute for Animal Health in Newbury, Berkshire, has for the first time shown that cell proteins. (BSE), or from sheep infected with the equivalent disease, scrapic, can turn normal human cell proteins into the diseased form found in the fatal brain disorder Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD). The work backs up the fears of scientific advisors to the

Government, who last year decided that a oumber of young people with a "new variant" of CJD probably caught it from exposure to BSE. So far 19 Britons have been diagnosed with the "new variant".

These hrain diseases are thought to be caused by a cell protein called PrP "flipping" irreversibly from its oormal shape to an insoluble, infectious one. A chain reaction follows, until all the PrP is "flipped", leaving spongy holes in the brain.

The experiment, reported today in the science journal Nature, took extracts of purified PrP from the brains of BSE-infected cows, scrapie-infected sheep and people who had died of "oew variant"

Each was mixed in a test tube with normal human PrP - which subsequently turned into the "flipped" form. Charles Arth Charles Arthu

MEDIA

Press complaints at record high

More than 3,000 complaints were made to the Press Complaints Commission last year, an all-time record, according to its annual report, published yesterday.

The report reveals that of the complaints that raised a possible

The report reveals that of the complaints that raised a possible breach of the PCC's code, eight in 10 were resolved directly between the publication and the person complaining.

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Catalogue debt sends women to prison

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Increasing numbers of women are being jailed for debts run up on catalogues and in-house store cards, according to prison welfare workers.

The female prison population has swelled by 76 per cent in the last four years, while the number of women convicted of serious offences has fallen by 16

Today HM Inspector of Pris-

Women in Prison, seeking to address the causes of, and problems caused by, the massive

But Petronella Davis, welfare advice officer at prison support group CAST who visits inmates every week to help with debt counselling, says the reasons are clear. She says up to haif the women she sees are there through debt, most often money owed to the DSS, home-

"Catalogues are a big problem. These women have no mooey, their children are desperate for new clothes or trainers, so they get them on credit. Then they can't afford to pay them off and it becomes a vicious circle." Ms Davis said.

"Often catalogue companies will wipe the interest and let them pay off a tiny amount a week. The problem is, if they

She traces much of the problem back to the last government's decision to replace one-off single payments for items like furniture with loans.

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"A lot of the stuff women do is related to poverty. They appear in court, their council tax or DSS loan starts being deducted from their benefits, they have to live off catalogues and credit to get out of that. We look

at their income - often they have already got too much being deducted to survive.

"And then there are shop cards with over 30 per cent interest payments. A lot of these women do not understand figures - they're not going to read the small print. They just see it system is run means that deht as a way of getting what they

need. This was backed up by the National Association of Prohation Officers (NAPO), which

into debtors' prison. A spokeswoman said: "From the case studies that came back we saw exactly these problems. To a large extent women should not be in prison hecause it was a matter of need. But the way our is punished, and the mother

Chris Tchaikovsky, director of

ragged off and her children left

certain from Home Office figures bow much crime was poverty-related. But from their case work, she estimated the figure was high.

"Poverty among women has increased, partly due to the rise in single parenthood, while the courts have become increasingly hard on women." she said. "Before more women are criminalised, we want them the pressure group Women in to ask - has every step been tak-

en to stop them going to

All the organisations stressed that jailing a woman for debt can be counter-productive. There are some women whose fine is less than it costs to lock them up for a week. If her child has to go into care, you've got that monetary cost, and then you've got the social cost," said Petronella Davis. 'A lot of the women I see could do better with serious debt counselling.

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not run today - they would be regarded as too offensive and making a claim which could not be justified.

The Advertising Standards Authority celebrates 35 years of advertising self-regulation and its chairman, Lord Rodgers, said: "With hindsight, it is astonishing that some of them ever appeared in print. They help to illustrate how the codes have developed over the years."

The use of the baby to sell fizzy drinks "would cause out- a good example of business rage among parents and consumer groups" today, the authority said. The permissihility of the lipstick advert

enough to cause offence - "but the phallic imagery might well provoke modern-day objec-

If it did, the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA), which deals with all non-broadcasting advertising, would adjudicate. Today all products claiming to improve health have to be able to prove it. Ads should not offend on grounds of sex, religion or race. And cigarettes in particular "should not

al or romantic success". Nigel Griffiths, the Compe-tition and Consumer Affairs Minister, said the authority pioneered "world-beating stan-dards" of advertising when it launched in 1962. "The ASA is and an independent watchdog working together to safeguard the public."

be associated with social, sexu-

Cases of recent times have in-

would depend on whether or cluded 492 complaints against to let anything straitjacket our upheld in 1995. The ads in-cluded one showing a bulging male form with the words: "Girls – can we interest you in

a package holiday?" What on earth would audiences in the 1950s have made of the half naked couple in the Haagen-Dazs ads or Eva Herzigova displaying the full dy-namics of the Wonderbra?

One advertising executive admitted that a little spot of trouble with the ASA always impressed the client. "They think you're pushing things to

the edge," be said. But John Pallant, at Saatchi and Saatchi, said the industry did not set out to offend, although they sometimes aimed

"Most people bere are fairly sensitive about the way they go about things. They don't want to upset anyone," be said.

usually afterwards that somebody says "You can't do that"."
Yet despite improvements, Bar-bara Lindsay, a university re-searcher who has examined women in advertising, said there

were still problems. "I think there's still a long way to go. Adverts do tend to portray men as active and women as passive and obsessed with attracting men rather than having a full range of interests in them-

Mary-Ann Stephenson, of the Fawcen Society, said bumour had probably contributed to subverting the powerful im-ages found in advertising. She pointed to a cartoon from 1980 with a woman at the kitchen

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Good home sought for Gucci's unwanted horses

Nine sleek-coated brood mares graze contentedly in a pad-dock in West Sussex, foals at their sides. In a neighbouring field, half a dozen muscular colts circle one another playfully. In the distance, the roof of a palatial Tudor manor house is just

This is the estate of the late Paolo Gucci, playboy, fashion ty-xion and breeder of prize-winning Arabian horses. In a fortnight, 62 of them will be auctioned off in a grand sale at the stables, near Rusper.

More than 1,000 Arab bloodstock fanaties are expected to attend, including Susan George, the actress, Shirley Watts, wife of the Rolling Stones drummer, and a clutch of Arab sheikhs.

The horses, which are expected to go for up to £50,000 apiece, are in fine fettle, brighteyed and well-fed, But RSPCA inspectors were greeted by a very different speciacle when they visited the stud farm six

months ago. The borses were allegedly in a pitiful state, starving and conscioted, some so weak that they could barely walk. It was reported that their stables were



Sorry state: Malnourished horses on the Gucci estate, now Photograph: John Connor Associates restored to health

The RSPCA removed 11 oth-

ers to an animal welfare centre. It was a grim footnote to the saga of intrigue and rivalry that has unfolded since Gucci's death from liver cancer two

Penny Armstrong, the former stahlehand who became his girlfriend, is locked in a hitter legal hattle with his second wife, Jenny, for control of the 72-

acre estate, Milifield Farm. Ms Armstrong, who has been managing the property since he died, has been charged with cru-

squalid, knee deep in manure. elty to 13 horses. She denies it, One was put down on the spot. and is still in residence at Normans, the house where she lived with Gucci and their two young children.

Meanwhile, the receivers, KPMG, are still trying to unravel the tangled weh of Gucci's financial affairs. Gucci, black sheep of the family. grandson of the founder of the fashion empire, had declared himself bankrupt in 1994.

The horses, KMPG decided. were far and away the most valuable asset. So they brought m a stud manager, Sally O'Neill, to nurse them back to a state

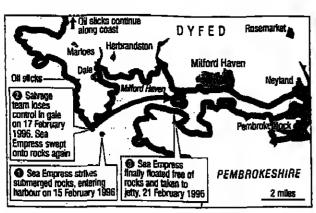
where they were fit to be sold. Ms O'Neill said yesterday that conditions at the farm when she first arrived in January were extremely distressing "The borses were in an awful state. Their ribs were poking out, their coals were tatty. It's not something I would ever want to see again."

Under ber supervision, they have been fed, groomed, cared for and given proper veterinary attention. They now look every inch the proud and elegant borses prized by breeders for their intelligence and stamina. The grounds, too, have been resurrected; paddocks that had been grazed almost bare are lush and grassy once again.
The sale has attracted inter-

est from Canada, Australia and the United States, as well as Europe. Terry Court, the auctioneer, says it is a unique op-portunity to buy some of the best Arab bloodstock around. One person unlikely to attend is Ms Armstrong, hunkered

of the property. "I think she's devastated at the prospect of losing the borses," said Ms O'Neill. "I would be, in ber shoes. But there's no other option."

down in her house at the edge



Port chief to face charges over spill

Nicholas Schoon **Environment Correspondent**

The Government's Environment Agency yesterday launched criminal prosecutions against Milford Haven's harbour master and port authority following last year's Sea Empress oil disaster.

The agency moved as ministers published a damning I report into the grounding of the

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the Welsh port and the six-day salvage operation which fol-

The agency has charged Milford Haven Port Authority and harbour master Clive Andrews with committing pollution offences under common law and

the Water Resources Act 1991. Last night the port author-ity said the charges were "mis-



recommendations.

The Liberian-registered tanker lost nearly 72,000 tonnes of crude oil, over half its cargo, when much of its bottom plates were holed or scraped off in February 1996. It was Britain's worst oil pollution disaster since the Tory Canyon 30 years ago.

Fishing grounds were closed and more than 100 miles of coastline - much of it in Britain's only coastal national park - was heavily slicked. Thousands of

the Channel. The ship's Russscabirds were killed. The report by the Government's Marine Acian captain, Eduard Bognov, cident Investigation Branch was also hlamed for failing to appreciate where the pilot was makes dozens of serious critioing wrong, and failing to cisms of the port, the Government's Marine Pollution Control know his intentions. "The pilot's error was due in Unit and the consortium of private enterprise salvors - and 24

part to inadequate training and experience," says the report. Examination and training stan-"The immediate cause...was dards for the port's pilots were pilot error," says the report. Pilot John Pearn failed to keep the unsatisfactory, and there was a huge ship in the deepest part of "deep rift" between them and

the authority. Mr Pearn still works as a pilot at Milford

handling smaller vessels after a disciplinary hearing, but reinstated after an appeal.

After the initial grounding the salvors and authorities decided to use tugs to hold the damaged, listing ship in a small area of deep water at the har-bour entrance. The plan was to

pump the oil into another

anker, the Sea Empress would

then have been floating high

enough to bring her into port

Haven. He was demoted to

without grounding. But two days later, as a gale hiew up, the salvors decided to turn the supertanker to face the wind and waves. The tugs lost

control: the strength of a tidal stream had been misjudged. The Sea Empress was then swept onto rocks suffering much worse damage. It was another four days before the

tanker was finally floated off and

headquarters, said the report. Deputy Prime Minister John

The accident report cites communication and manage-

ment failures and missed op-portunities during the operation. But, it says, the most important factor in the escalating pollution disaster was the lack of understanding of the strong tidal currents at the entrance to Milford Haven. Marine Pollution Control Unit staff at the scene were un-

dermanned and overstretched, and key members were sometimes diverted from their primary job to brief the media. The unit's overall commander, Chris Harris, should have gone to Milford Haven sooner rather than remaining at Southampton

Prescott said the Pilotage Act, which covers standards and training for pilots, would be re-viewed and Lord Donaldson, would also carry out a review of the command and control of sal-

Prostate cancer: new hope of cure

Jeromy Laurance Health Editor

A mutant strain of the common cold virus is being tested as a treatment for prostate cancer, which kills 8,600 men a year in Britain.

American researchers believe they may have found a strain that targets and destroys the tumour, the second higgest cancer killer after lung cancer. A single injection directly into prostate cancers in mice shrank the tumours rapidly, without side-effects. Results reported in the US journal Cancer Research show that after six weeks the tumours were on average reduced to 16 per cent of their previous size. Human trials are due to start soon, according to Vew Scientist magazine.

Dr Lesley Walker, head of science information at the Cancer Research Campaign, said today: "It sounds very exciting. We would be enormously interested to see if these results can be reproduced in patients. If they were, it would be quite re-

markable. The mutant strain of the virus was created by researchers at the Johns Hopkins Oncolo-gy Center in Baltimore, Mary-land, and a Californian hiotech company, Calydon. Although it can penetrate any cell, it becomes active only in those producing prostate specific antigen (PSA) – a protein involved in the production of semen and found almost exclusively in the prostate. The researchers hope the virus will not only destroy the cancer in the gland hat, if injected into the bloodstream, will hunt down cancerous cells

spreading through the body.

Dr Walker said a new, effective and safe treatment for prostate cancer was urgently needed. With surgery and radiotherapy, the risk of incontinence or impotence was high, while hormone drug treatments

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Peace talks in jeopardy as Unionists take fright

David McKittrick Ireland Correspondent

Northern Ireland's multi-party talks moved closer to a crunch main Unionist parties staged a walkout on the crucial issue of arms decommissioning.

Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble has asked for a meeting with the Prime Minister. Tony Blair, saying that the talks process was in serious difficulty. This is expected to take place in advance of next Wednesday's vote on the weapons issue. The Unionist

parties fear that the joint posi-tion of the British and Irish govermments, as set out by Mr Blair some weeks ago and am- sioning to central status in the plified yesterday in a 12-page talks process. The two govern-Fein into talks without a guarantee that the IRA would decommission any guns.

Both Dublin and London appear to have arrived at a position, after years when the peace process remained effectively impaled on the arms issue, that it is unrealistic to expect the handing over of re-publican or loyalist materiel in the short term.

This is causing major prob-lems for the Unionist parties who have elevated decommisfrained from laying down timetables for arms handovers despite Unionist pressure.

The position of the Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party is clear enough in that he has effectively ruled out ever sit-ting round the table with Sinn Fein. But Mr Trimble's position is not so clear cut, and both governments are anxious to keep his party on board.

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It arrives unwanted, clutters up the house, and more often than not is dumped into dustbins, varead - but junk mail is a multi-billion pound husiness. Last year, companies ranging from charities to hanks spent

around £1.4bn on putting huge quantities of pulped forest through our doors. But this is dwarfed by the return: a revenue estimated at more than £16bn. Under pressure from the Data Protection Registrar, the

Direct Marketing Association the umhrella group for junk mail merchants - is now cleaning up its act. A new code, pub-lished two days ago, tightens up the rules on sending unsolicited material through the post. But the odds oo escaping an

avalanche of brochures, sales offers, book club memberships, and financial schemes are still heavily weighted against the largeted customers. Any company which has had

business dealings with an indi-vidual has the right to send him or her material through the post. The only way to stop it, under the data protection rules, is to write to the company asking it to stop, or filling in a form asking to be excluded from further mail shots.

But it is not just businesses with which one has direct transactions which can lead to an avalanche of persistent paper. Listings are regularly rented out

or sold off. To stop becoming a target, one can join the little-known Mailing Preference Service. Membership, which is free, should mean that prospective mail-shot companies would ex-



made, the only recourse is to write and complain. But critics say that the onus of avoiding

junk mail should be moved from customers to businesses. John Woulds, director of operations at the Data

"At the moment, those receiving direct mail have to make the effort for it to stop. There is a school of thought that it should be the other way round, with the companies engaged in sending the material having to get clude names held by the body. Protection Registrar, a permission before they do so. However, if such a check is not government data watchdog, said: However, marketing companies.

expensive and very difficult to put into practice."

Martin Bartle, communications manager of the Direct Marketing Association, defended the direct mailing husiness. "For instance, if your bank is sending you details on

this would be hugely how to get a better return on your money, or charities are trying to raise funds for worthy causes, then direct mailing is perfectly justified," he said,

He claimed that 80 per cent of junk mail is normally opened, and 60 per cent read by the

in 1996 only to rise to 24 per In her annual report published yesterday, the Data Protection Registrar, Elizabeth France, said the number of complaints against direct mailpects of the work of the intelliing had risen after a significant

The complaints had fallen from 49 per cent to 9 per cent More than £1.4bn is spent

Profit in the post

by businesses sending "junk" mail, for an estimated return of £16bn last year. In 1996 3,173 million junk mail items were sent out. Hipuseholds received on average 7.6 items sent through direct mail a month; 77 per cent say they opened the material; 63 per cent claimed they read it.

Business use of direct mail

has risen by 196 per cent in the past ten years. More than 25,000 people are employed by the direct mail industry.

Those who respond spend

on average £83 per mail shot. They are expected to

Figures supplied by the Direct Mali Information Service.

well as the Government Communications Headquarters, are immune from the rules, and are not members of the Data Pronection Registrar on the grounds of national security,

However Mrs France stated that as the secret services become more involved with crime fighting, those aspects of their work may well fall under data protection laws. She said that she had written about this to John Major when he was Prime Minister and did not get a re-sponse. She added: "The time may have come for us to take this up with Tony Blair and the new government.

Mrs France also announced that the DPR is issuing a set of guidelines for civil servants on gathering information on the public, and disseminating them. The code would be hinding and the breaking of it could lead to disciplinary and even the moment, MI5 and MI6, as criminal charges.



In focus: Only one in eight cameras is loaded with film

Speed cameras reduce deaths by 70 per cent

Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

Speed cameras have helped to cut fatal accidents in an area of west London by 70 per cent since 1992. Officials at the Department of Transport said a pilot scheme - which saw the number of speed cameras rise from 21 to 36 - has led to a saving of £20m. The number of fatal accidents

fell from 62 to 19 in the area of drivers are breaking the

covered, with serious accidents 30mph speed limits and what falling by 28 per cent, Gavin Strang, the Transport minister, said he considered "between half and two-thirds" of the lives saved could be attributed to the

Dr Strang, whose department is reviewing speed limits, pointed out that a third of all 3.600 road deaths a year could be attributed to speed. "Excessive speed is a killer. Two-thirds

needs to change is the volume of drivers speeding," said Dr

Since the initial scheme, there are now 400 cameras covering London's entire trunkroad network. The Highways Agency, the body charged with maintaining Britain's trunk roads and motorways, estimates that there are more than 1,000 cameras on the nation's roads. Because of the cost of oper-

filled and instead used as a deterrent to stop drivers speeding. We usually have a ratio of 1 to eight. That is one camera with film in it and eight that flash. The motorist does not know either way and we have found that the system does reduce speeds," said Sergeant Roger Reynolds. part of the Metropolitan Police

traffic operations branch. Sgt Reynolds pointed out that on the original test site at

Twickenham bridge in London, would travel at 60mph despite the speed limit set at 40mph. When the last camera was installed earlier this year, only 31 offences were registered.

cent in the next year.

Launching the annual report,

Mrs France said that she would

be examining whether some as-

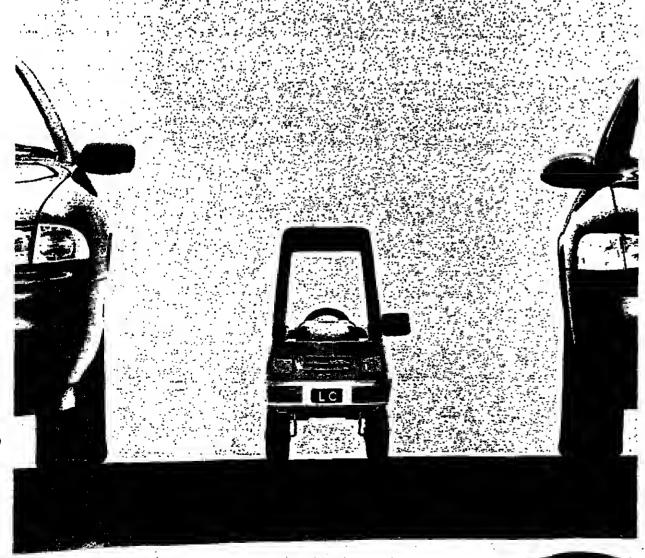
gence services could be brought

into the data protection fold. At

Dr Strang admitted the cameras, which cost £15,000 to £20,000 each, were expensive and said the cash had to be found within existing budgets and urged local authorities to find the resources to fund them.

Chief Superintendent Brian more than 8,000 vehicles a day Mackenzie, of the Police Superintendents Association, said: "It's certainly remarkable evidence and it's certainly something we'll be taking up with Government, with the Home Office, and I think Chief Constables will redouble their efforts." But he warned that some of the money saved by accident prevention must go hack to the police so they could afford to buy speed cameras.

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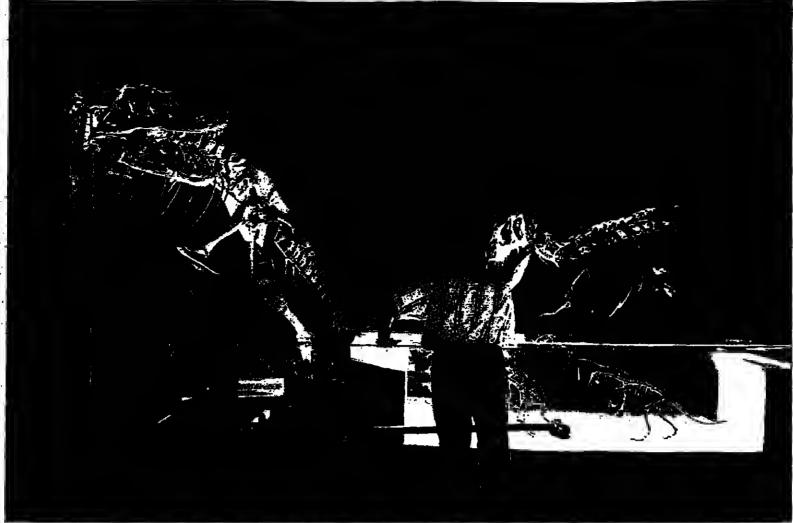
Dinosaur epic loses sight of science

Charles Arthur Science Editor

Pareots seeking an excuse not to take the children to the latest dinosaur blockbuster. Steven Spielberg's The Lost World, have been giveo one by the film's scientific adviser, it's all wroog, apart from the way the dinosaurs look.

According to Jack Horner, a dinosaur expert who worked closely with Spielberg oo the film, which has its London pre-mière tonight, "there's nothing accurate, apart from the way that they look. They don't do

anything that's natural".
It could have heen eveo worse: he had to prevent eager Hollywood executives from giv-ing the dinosaurs evil-looking forked tongues, like snakes dinosaurs were actually closer to birds", be says, and so have



Artistic licence: T-rex on the rampage, top left, and a new display of skeletons from the Gobi desert at the Natural History Museum Photograph: David Rose

straight tongues. The worst misrepresentation, he says, is the behaviour of the animals. "In the film, they don't chase prey, they chase people. Di-nosaurs wouldn't do that, and

chase you because you got their

Dr Homer is head of the Museum of the Rockies, in Montana, and was the inspiration for the lead male character in the first Spielberg dinosaur film, Jurassic Park. But when science they wouldn't try to eat through the sides of cars or a building to get them ... and they wouldn't and the demands of the film

plot conflicted, the plot won. Dr Horner did have praise for noe Londoo opening, though: a simulated "Dinosaur Dig" at the Natural History Museum, where visitors can search for bones and dinosaur footprints in a 18-metre by 15-metre pit.

of dinosaurs," he said.

Possibly the last Hollywood film to depict science accurately: was Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey - re-leased in 1967. It was surprising as much for the accuracy of its depictioo of space travel as "It's a great place to come

and learn about the real science its content. Its scientific adviser

Does Dr Horner feel that a film could be made as true to dinosaurs as 2001 was to space? "I doo't know," he said. "Neither Jurassic Park or The Lost World was made to show what

Two-tier waiting lists to go

Health Editor

An end to two-tier waiting lists for hospital care was announced by the Government yesterday. But the move drew immediate charges from the opposition that it would lead to a levelling down of services to patients. Frank Dobson, the Secretary

of State for Health, said that NHS trusts would be required to operate commoo waiting lists for non-urgent patients from next April, regardless of whether they were referred by

ing GPs. In additioo, health authorities will be required to set maximum waiting times common to all their residents.

Official figures show that in 60 per cent of health authorities in England, patients of fundholding GPs get faster hos-pital treatment than those of non-fundholding GPs. A health department spokesman con-firmed that yesterday's aooouncement would mean waiting lists for patients of most fundholders would rise.

patients. It is also good news for doctors and other NHS staff, many of whom have found the unfair two-tier system repugnant to administer".

Faster hospital treatment has been touted as one of the main advantages to patients of joining a GP practice that holds its own hudget for hospital care. Almost 60 per cent of patients are now covered by GP fundholders who have been able to negotiate "fast track" deals with NHS Mr Dobson said: "Today is the trusts anxious for their business.

beginning of the end of the two-tier NHS. This is good oews for holders who have overspent multi-level waiting list. If you equitable treatment for all patheir budgets have instructed trusts to delay hospital treatment to the maximum allowed under the Patient's Charter - 12 or 18 months. Io this minority of cas-

es, fuodholding patients can expect a better service. Dr Rhidian Morris, chairman of the National Association of Fundholding Practices, said that, far from achieving equity in the NHS, the measure would simply push inequity up from the level of the local practice to the level of the trust or bealth

live on the border of a health authority, a persoo two streets away could have a totally different waiting list," he said. He said the move could also

add to the financial pressure oo hospitals as a doubled waiting list would halve the income from a fundholder. "I doo't think any fundholder is going to be happy about increasing their waiting lists. There is a possi-bility of chaos and discord."

Other bodies welcomed the

tients was "clearly the right one" but the British Medical Associatioo warned that equity for all "must not mean equity at a lower level".

John Maples, the Tory health spokesman, said the move amounted to "a levelling down of services to patients who need access to hospital care ... it is a clear admissioo that Frank Dobson cannot deliver the improved health service which only a few weeks ago he was hilling as a racing certainty".

move. The NHS Confedera-London health care damaged by NHS reform

A grim diagnosis of the state of Loodon's health service is offered by a report, published yesterday, which says health care in the capital has been damaged by the destructive effects of the NHS market and institutional rivalries hetweeo the major teaching hospitals.

Sweeping changes are oeed-ed to improve health care and restore public confidence, the Kings Fund independent health policy think-tank, says.

The report is the second to be produced by the fund's London Commission in five years. It says little progress has been made since its first report in 1992. That laid the ground for the Government-backed Tomlinson review which recommended a radical programme to close hospitals, concentrate specialties and divert funds to the

GP service and community care.
The new Kings Fund report,
Transforming Health in London,
says that while more than one in six acute hospital beds has been lost since 1989-90, because of the trend to day surgery and shorter in-patieot stays, hospital sites have not closed. The re-

sult is higher costs and less flexibility to cope with emergencies. The lack of nursing homes for the elderly and poor community provision for the meotally ill means that beds are blocked by patients who should not be in them. In addition, the pressures of competition and the market have required trusts to sell their services to outlying health authorities to boost income, making it harder for local peo-

ple to get a hospital bed. A key recommendation of the Tomlinson review was that specialties, which were fragmented across many sites, should be merged to concentrate skills and resources and raise standards. Five years later, the Kings Fund says this has been frus-trated by the institutions to

which they posed a threat. Baron (Marmaduke) Hussey, chairman of the commission, said: "The main problem is that those with the greatest needs are getting the worst care. It is clear that the internal market fragmented care by putting dozens of health bodies in competition with each other. This report is about co-operation, working together to plan for the needs of Londoners."

DAILY POEM

Meditation oo a Brooklyn bench

by Harvey Shapiro

I was by myself on the promenade, facing the massive city. Pleasure craft cut white trails in the water. The lady with the lamp dim green in the dim green afternoon.

A Circle Line boot, looking sprightly hurrying up river, toward the Bridge, and the old paddle steamer from the South Street Seaport meandering past Battery. The kind of day you needn't take responsibility for sixing in the shade, like an elderly citizen, wondering where it all went - the wife and kids, the years of work. Covered over by the waters of the East River. Not a river, a tidal basin, and the tide coming in now, full force, dangerous, looking for me.

Born in Chicago in 1924, Harvey Shapiro was decorated for wartime service as a gunner before becoming a journalist in New York; he is oow senior editor at the New York Times Magazine. His Selected Poems are published by Carcanet (\$8.95)

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Probation and pas prison services could merge

Crime Correspondent

The Government is likely to merge the prison and probation services following a fundamen-

tal review of offender treatment. Tough new community sentences are also expected. A new single Department of Corrections, creating a 53,000-strong organisation, is also an

option under consideration by the Home Office. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, yesterday announced a study into the performance and effectiveness of the prison and probation services in an attempt to ease chronic over-

ty sentencing.

He wants to make greater use of community seoteoces and is expected to introduce harsher punishment for people coovicted of violence, drug-related or sex crimes. There will also be greater use of electronic tags to monitor offenders at home.

The move comes weeks after it was revealed that convicted criminals are being charged with murder and sexual assault at the rate of more than one a week while under probation officers supervision. As part of the reforms the current 54 pro-bation areas in England and Wales are expected to be reduce

to about 15 larger zones.

The Probation Service yesterday warned that merging services would threaten public safety as offenders would oot receive proper supervision.

Mr Straw wants to increase the oumber of offenders who receive community sentences as a way of reducing the prison population which has riseo above the record 62,000 mark.

The review will examine the American system - where there is a single agency – as well as those in Canada, Sweden and Australia, Mr Straw said yesterday it was aimed at identifying "best practice" in order to reduce crime and offeoding

"It is essential to ensure that both services are better integrated and work more closely

confidence io both community and custodial sentences."

Among the ideas being considered are greater sharing of in-formation about prisoners and tougher community sentences for offenders involved in drug and alcohol abuse. This could include insisting on offenders enruling in detoxification programmes and having regular drug tests. The Home Office wants to avoid: accusations of offering a soft pun-ishment to criminals.

Last week the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Comhill, warned that it was up to the Government to demonstrate that it was oot a "soft option" if judges were to use them as an alternative to prison. The review will be headed by the prisons minister, Joyce Quin, and is expected to deliver its report towards the end of November.

The announcement drew a cautious response from proba-tico officers. Harry Fletcher, the assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, acknowledged that past relations between the two services had been "tense", hut warned against a merger.

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"A merger would almost certainly see the probation service swamped and unable to deliver properly its task of rehabilitating offenders and ensuring public safety," he said.

Mary Honeyball, general secretary of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation,

together," he said. "The services said a "constructive review" could benefit both services. PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

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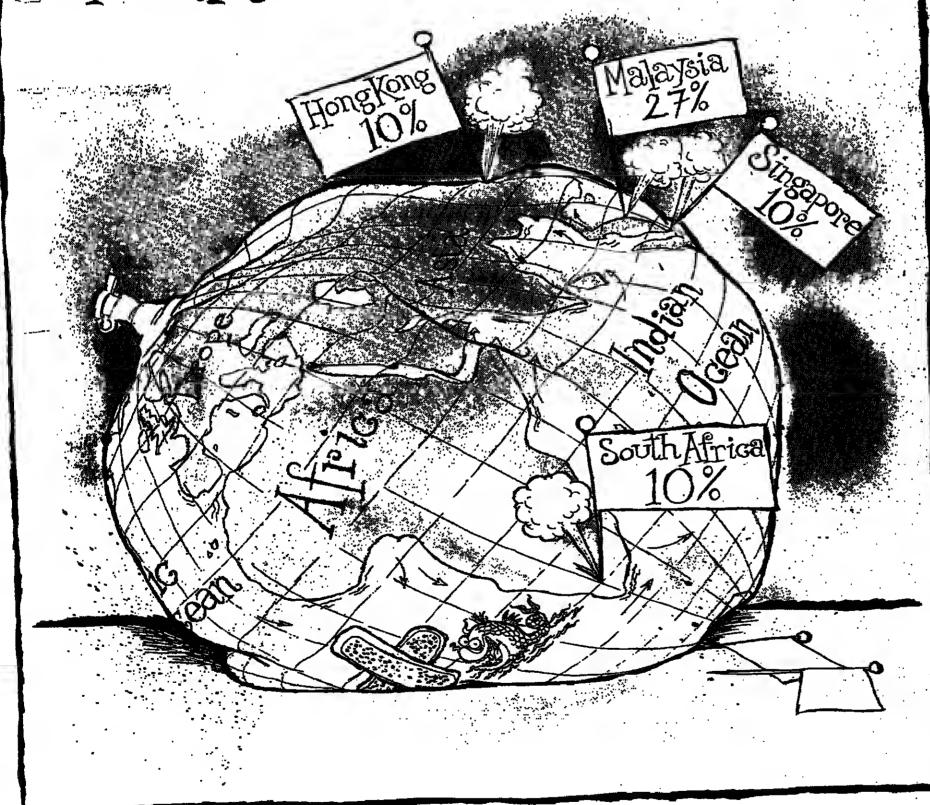
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Tory past provides Clark with key to television future



Saltwood Castle in Kent, will present a history of the Tory party on BBC2

Media Correspondent

Alan Clark, MP for Kensington & Chelsea, will join the pack of Conservative politicians pursuing a second career in television when he traces the history of his party for

BBC2 this autumn. Mr Clark, a military historian before he became an MP, said vesterday that writing books and presenting a television series was preferable to joining the Shadow

"A shadow position in the Conservative Party at the moment is comparable only to the Latvian Government in exile in 1943," he said. "I'm sure they argued hitterly amongst themselves about who was going to be finance minister."

Alan Clark's History of the Tory Party covers events from Stanley Baldwin's unification of a divided party in 1922 to its defeat in the last

The series is based on a book which will be released in the autumn. Mr Clark claims it is an academic and objective study but he refused to say whether the series would attack the last Conservative

"I haven't negotiated the serialisation rights [to a newspaper] yet and I don't want to spill any of the beans," he said.

Mr Clark uses the series to further his opinion that Winston Churchill could have negotiated a settlement with Germany in the early days of the Second World War which would have saved the British Empire and Britain's economic health. He will also reveal evidence of moves within the party to get rid of Churchill in 1941 and 1942.

He promised the episode that covered Mrs Thatcher would not be a revisionist history. "If there is a theme it is that the Conservative Party is the party of the nation state, so it claims and so its members believe

"At the end of its period in office the nation state was by any criteria in a lot worse shape. There are many factors responsible for this but it is obvious that the party in management carries responsibility.

Douglas Hurd, the former foreign secretary, will also appear on BBC2 this autumn, presenting a three-part series about war and diplomacy entitled The Search for

And the former Tory MP Tony Marlow will feature in Campaign Confessions, a fly-on-the-wall view of 10 candidates' election

Councils told: Don't steal cash for schools

and Lucy Ward

Whitehall chiefs fear that some cash-squeezed councils will raid their education budgets to fund higher pay rises for teachers, or to fund urgent social services commitments, including care for the elderly, in spite of warnings by ministers.

David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, yesterday warned local authorities that they would risk forfeiting their right to manage education funding if they spend their £1bn Budget windfall on teachers' salaries instead of on schools.

If authorities did not toe the line, the Government would consider introducing a national funding formula which would mean it financed schools directly, bypassing councils alto-gether, Mr Blunkett said.

Speaking at the opening of the Council of Local Education Authorities conference in Bristol, he told LEAs to make raising school standards their top priority when distributing the

None of the money should he used to award teachers above-inflation pay rises, he said. "We are asking you to join with us to ensure that money goes where it was intended." Education was given an ex-tra £1bn revenue and £1.3bn for tra £1bn revenue and £1.3bn for end capping, although it would remain next year. capital spending to tackle the school buildings crisis in the Budget, partly funded by the

windfall profits tax on the pri-

be can ring-fence the capital spending for repairing school buildings, by allocating it for specific projects, but ministers fear the additional revenue will be raided. Mr Blunkett was given the backing of the Local Government Association's (LGA) leaders who are writing a round robin letter to all LEAs to resist pay rises above the rate of inflation.

Graham Lane, chairman of the LGA's education committee, to sack the independent teachers' pay review body if it proposed a pay award that was higher than inflation.

The LGA is seeking some flexibility in the spending caps on councils, to enable them to spend more and meet the higher cost by increases in the council tax next April.

The deep concern about council spending was underlined by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday at the first summit with council lead-

chiefs pledged to find ways of averting cuts in vital local scrvices through a "radical review" of funding after a breakfast "summit" in London.

Mr Prescott confirmed that the Government plans to meet

But he said that ministers and councillors were looking at alternative ways of raising nec-

Redwood of trying to maintain

his campaign for the Tory leadership.

A spokesman said Lord Si-

mon had given up the chair-manship of BP and agreed to

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Minister in new row over BP link But the Prime Minister's of-fice mounted a robust defence of the minister, and accused Mr

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

Gas tiberalisation is presenting a potential conflict of interest for Lord Simon, the Minister for Competitiveness in Europe, who has a continuing stake in

The former chairman of BP, who accepted an unpaid ministerial post in May, has been under increasing attack from John Redwood, the Opposition spokesman, because he has kept his £2m BP shareholding in spite of his work at the DTI and the Treasury. Mr Redwood said vesterday that Lord Simon was in breach of the ministerial rule book and should resign.

of the Board of Trade, has told the Commons that Lord Simon is barred from seeing papers or attending meetings "which have a bearing on BP", and it bad been decided that "he should not be implied in matters of not be involved in matters affecting British Petroleum". But The Independent has dis-covered that on 26 June, Lord Simon signed an explanatory parliamentary memorandum on a European Community document on the Single Market

with gas liberalisation and state aid for industry. Mr Rethwood said that he was disturbed by the memorandum's contents, "when we had been assured he would not be dealing with issues that have a hearing on BP".

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Police seek rent boy on a murderous vendetta

Miami

Andrew Phillip Cunanan, the 27-year-old Californian now hunted for Gianni Versace's murder, has been described by both police and his mother as a high-class male prostitute, a brilliant, charming rent boy who sought ont wealthy older men to

maintain a lavish lifestyle. The FBI believes his world fell apart earlier this year when he learned he was HIV-positive, and he set off across the country from his home in San Diego on a revenge rampage of killings. Now, he is America's most wanted man, suspected of killing five men, including Ver-sace, in four states. Part-Italian and part-Filipino, between 5ft 9in and 5ft 10in, weighing somewhere between 11 and 12 stone; he is described as "armed and

extremely dangerous."
Two of his alleged victims over the past three mnnths were thought to be ex-lovers, a third was the millionaire father of another and the fourth was a graveyard attendant appar-ently killed merely because the murderer needed his pick-up truck, believed to be the one found near Versace's house on

Miami police say they cannot confirm reports that Cunanan may have met Versace before he



Flowers on the steps of Versace's home, where he was killed on Tuesday Photographs: AP

twice nn Tuesday. One witness said the designer acted strangely before sitting in his usual beachfront case for breakfast that day, suggesting be may have feared he was being fullowed. Cunanan's San Diego high

school yearbook - he was known then as a strong cross-country runner - described him as the pupil "most likely to be remembered." He himself, then only 18 but perhaps already revealing the seeds of violence, scribbled beneath his year book picture: "Apres moi, le deluge after me the catastrophe

He dropped out of the University of California, San Diego,

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allegedly shot him in the head twice nn Tuesday. One witness after apparently finding he could make a good living selling himself to wealthy homosexuals. "He called himself Andy or Andre de Silva and became a social animal," one friend said. "He hung out in hard-rock bars with yuppies and off-duty servicemen, telling them he was heir to his family's fortune or that he was an upcoming actor. He'd pay huge dinner hills with lavish tips."

US police and the FBI described him as "extremely intelligent, extremely well-spoken and articulate."

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It seems he likes to play games with the police which

might explain the perfect escape route he chose, round a corner, into a little-used alley and up screened stairs into a public car park. The blood-stained jogging clothes he had been wearing when he allegedly shot the Italian designer were found scat-tered haphazardly under and around his abandoned vehicle. Police sources that may have been a teasing message to the police, to help them notice the chicle after he had fled.

The FBI believes that Cunanan set out from San Diego oo a rampage of murder and revenge in April, stealing and abandoning vehicles as he went m what may have been a delib-

rattle his pursuers. They suspect him of first seeking out his former lover, David Madson, 33, in Minneapolis. Between 27 April and 3 May, Madson was found shot to death an a friend, Jeffrey Trail, 28, was found beaten to death with a hammer in Madson's apartment. Madson's

red jeep was stolen at the time.
This vehicle was found near the Chicago home of millionaire real estate developer, Lee Mighin, 72, a leading socialite, after he was found murdered on 4 May. He had been stabbed, his throat slashed and his body run over with his car, then wrapped up in brown paper and masking tape like a mummy. The car, a green Lexus, was found on 9 May in Pennsville, New Jersey, along with the body of 45-yearold graveyard attendant William Reese, shot with a pistol. Reese's red Chevrolet pick-up was

Miami police and the FBI believe the truck was the one found in a five-storey municipal car park two blocks from the scene of Versace's murder, and where they suspect. Cunanan changed his clothes before fleeing in a taxi. They also believe the pistol that killed Reese may have been the same one that killed Versace and that the prime suspect, Cunanan, may



Fashion king lured by the 'beach gods'

Phil Davison

Wheo Gianni Versace first saw Miami's South Beach art deco district, he was entranced by the district, he was entranced by the light, the colours, the life and, according to frieods, the perfectly-sculpted bodies of the "beach gods" who adorn its pavements, many of them gay.

"It was love at first sight," the

designer recently told a local television interviewer. "It's like the world should be today." But friends said Versace had a long-time lover - his personal trainer Antonio d'Amico – and did not frequent the seafront strip's gay bars or nightclubs and did

not pick up gays.
It was d'Amico who came out of the front door of the oceanfront Versace mansion on Tues-day to find him fatally wounded on the steps, his head bleeding on to the pavement, his black sandals and magazines scattered around him.

Versace first saw the art deco district 15 years ago when asked to design outfits for Don John-son in the *Miami Vice* television

He was the man who put Johnson's Sonny Crockett character in hlack T-shirts, linen jackets and baggy trousers the designer often wore himself and one that helped turn world fashion attention to Miami. "This place is great for fash-

ion. It's fun to see the clash of collecte, the chie with the shock, the very sophisticated with the very unsure," he said in the interview. "No one is hyper here. It's not like New York or Milan." The chic were shocked by his killing in the heart of South

Beach, where past shootings were usually faked for Miami

to stalk only the ghettos. On his last walk from the

News Café, a 24-hour har and restaurant on Ocean Drive, he would have dodged rollerhladers as he passed by the glass-fronted South Beach gym where stars such as Madonna have been seen working out above the popular Clevelander bar, mecca of the art decostrip.

Along the way he would have passed the product of such gyms, young meo with rippling muscles, wearing only shorts. who use the 10-block Ocean Drive boulevard as a fashion ramp to show off their physiques.

While in the oceanfront mansion he renovated, and at whose gates he was gunned down on Tuesday, he preferred to hrow lavish parties for such constitution as Madonna, Sylvester Stallone Sting, Gloria Estefants the supermodels he helped to make famous. D'Amico always lived with him. Also often there, according to friends, was Paul Beck, American husband of Versace's sister Donatella.

Versace was said to be uncomfortable in such gay-popular bars as The Palace, a few yards from his home. He pre-ferred to hold his own parties at home, the mansion built to look like Diego Colombus's 16th-century castle in Santo Domingo, hut decorated in-side à la Versace with labourd skin cellings, musaira and price

less Picassos and Modiglianis. He liked to eat pizza in the Bang restaurant with its owner. Massing going to buy his house to make a restaurant." Mr Lucarini said yesterday. "But he loved it right august and asked me to right away and asked me to ways seen the beachfront area as an oasis of fun and process. as an oasis of fun and revelry - Versace than another restau-





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Sister may take over the business

What will Versace be without Gianni Versace? Probably, little different from Dior without Christian Dior, or Givenchy without Hubert de Givenchy.

As the fashion world continued to reel in shock yesterday at the loss of one of its leading celebrities, the hardheaded financial analysts and business consultants were in no doubt about the continuing promi-nence of the clothes that made

The brand has got its own identity by now," said Andrea Morante, a former employee of the Gucci empire now working as an analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston, "It is no longer dependent on its founder."

At first, the impact of Ver-sace's death suggested the end of a fashion era. Across the world, boutiques were closed for the day and company offices surrounded by nervous security guards. The group's flagship store on Milan's Via Montenapoleone was shuttered and deserted apart from a small sign

ing under his own name, even Gianni Versace was not big enough to be indispensable. The group now includes four brand image in the ranges to separate brands from the top-keep the company thriving for separate brands, from the topof-the-range ready-to-wear years to come. The only element wardrobe, to a line in casual of the company that may suffer jeans, to the two sportswear is the countre and ready-to-wear brands Istante and Versus, which will lack Gianni's personal

ative force behind the empire until his death, but his brother, Santo, holds the purse-strings and his sister. Donatella, has considerable creative and administrative responsibilities. The chances are they will continne to expand a world-wide business that generated around 1.7 trillion lire (£600m)

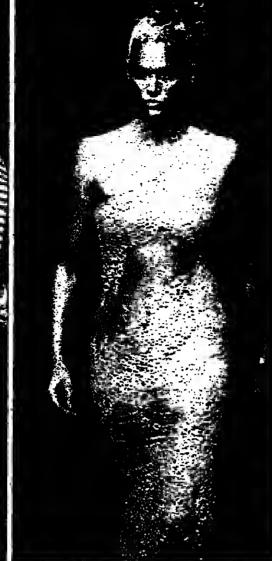
turnover last year.
The profile of Donatella, 42, has grown enormously. Gianni had already handed over creative control of the younger Versus line to her to the extent that she takes the bow at the end of the shows in New York. She is famous for her encyclopaedic knowledge of the music industry. "If I hadn't been in fashion, I would have been a rock star," she has said. She is well equipped to continue cultivating the links between music and fashion that Gianni so cleverly exploited.

The logical step will be for Donatella to take over creative control of the company. Fashion insiders were yesterday confident that she could take on the role. She has the power and confidence. Nobody will replace Gianni in terms of the charisma and personality he gave the reading "Closed for Mourning". brand, but she had increasing-But, after nearly 20 years of by been contributing more and phenomenally successful tradness. Gianni once said he owed

everything to Donatella.

There is a strong enough Gianni remained the cre- touch and his unique eye.









Stitched up: Julia Roberts (left) and Cindy Crawford in creations by Missoni (top) and Valentino, and Nicole Kidman in an Alaia Photos: LFI, Gavin Bond, Bel Elwes, Chris Moore, Rex Features

but who will become dresser to the stars?

Tamsin Blanchard

Liz Hurley will miss Versace more than she knows. Her career was huilt on a single piece of Versace magic, held together by gold safety pins. No oth-er designer could grab headlines and cause a sensation quite like Gianni.

No other designer would push the depths of tackiness, and make a dress plunge down and slash up at all the strategic places. The thing about a dropdead Versace dress is that usually the sex goddess inside it

couldn't possibly be wearing any knickers. Not even a G-string. Aspiring Hurleys will have to shop elsewhere if they are after a dress sensation guaranteed to get fashion editors, casting agents and editors in a flap. When it comes to star, "result" dresses, the centre of the fashion world is Beverly Hills, where every design house with an eye on the value of a bit of free pub-

licity has a PR and an agent. So who will the stars go to now? Missonl is the latest design house to embrace and be embraced by Hollywood. At a re-

cent charity show Angela Missoni, responsible for souping up the label's eveningwear, flew to the LA branch of Saks Fifth Avenue to cultivate the likes of Tori Spelling, herself a Versace cus-tomer, Jennifer and Meg Tilly, and Quincy Jones. Almost the entire stock sold out. Sharon Stone, a Valentino wearer, requested to meet Ms Missoni for lunch. "I don't think we have the same pizzazz as Versace," says Missoni, "But we have certainly gone more glamorous and sexy. Hollywood picked up on that about a year ago." At the

première of My Best Friend's Wedding in New York CHK two weeks ago, Julia Roberts made from his usual high-taste levels and had the brash appeal of with vulgar fur trim-Standard as well as the Daily Mail in a light-catching strappy, sequinned Missoni sheath.

What with Missoni, Armani, who dresses Jodie Foster, Winona Ryder, Faye Dunaway, Glen Close, and Dolce e Gabbana, favourites of Madonna, the Italians have cleaned up on celebrity dressing. Rome-based Valentino makes dresses with sex appeal that has seduced Stone and Joan Collins into slip- cause it was worn by Di.

Versace, with vulgar fur trim-mings, spike heeled bootees

and glitzy evening gowns.
Other dresses that have made headlines include that Dior empire line number that Diana, Princess of Wales wore last year to the opening of the Dior retrospective in New York. That wasn't a result of sex appeal hut hecause it was John Galliano's first for Dior and be-

Galliano knows how to cut a slinky evening frock. Nicole Kidman was voted one of the hest-dressed at this year's Oscar ceremony in a green em-broidered, mink-trimmed dress from his first collection for Dior couture. Another designer who rose to prominence in the Eighties is Herve Leger, or "Curvy Herve" as be was nicknamed by the tabloids. He makes unashamedly steamily sexy dresses out of strips of industrial strength elastic that push up and in as effectively as anything Versace designed.



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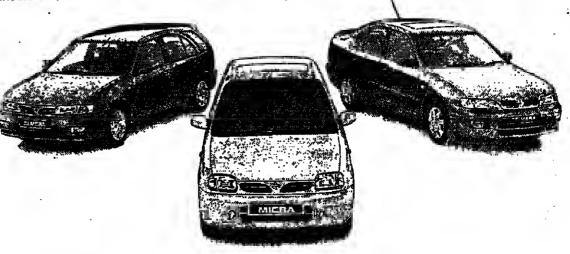
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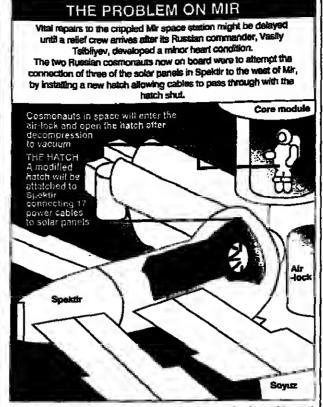


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Under pressure: Michael Foele (left), Alexander Lazutkin and Vasity Tsibliyev (right) in video-link conference with Russia's Space Mission Control Centre yesterday Photograph: AFP

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Russian officials yesterday decided that the ailing comman-der of the damaged Mir space station will not take part in a perilous repairs mission, and made further moves to press Nasa to allow the British astronaut Michael Foale to re-

They claimed that Nasa had agreed to allow Foale to train for the operation, which some are billing the most dangerous spacewalk ever. But no final decision will be taken until next week. The trip to reconnect solar

been rescheduled to next Thursday because the commander. Vasily Tsibliyev, has developed heart problems. The module was punctured in a collision with

a cargo ship three weeks ago. The sortie may yet be carried out by a relief crew who are due to dock with Mir on 7 August, but the Russians have made clear that they want to go ahead as soon as they safely can. Mir has been on just over half power since the collision.

However, the Russians appear to be more enthusiastic

Briton set to step in to undertake vital repairs to ailing space station

about using Foale for the mis-sion than their counterparts in Houston. Last night, Nasa said it had not yet agreed to allow him to go on the sortie, or to take part in extensive pre-walk training. "He can do some basic things, but no official simulations or the actual spacewalk none of that's been approved

by Nasa yet," said a spokesman. The two-man repairs mission had been planned for this week, but was postponed when Tsibliyev, 43, developed an irregular heartbeat, a condition which doctors attributed to tension in

the aftermath of the crash. He colnshire, educated at Camalso complained of tiredness and overwork. Russian press reports say that officials blame him for the accident, the worst

A practice run is planned on Monday. Reports here said that afterwards officials in Russia's Mission Control outside Moscow and Nasa's Johnson Centre in Houston will hold a video conference to decide whether Foale should participate. If he does, it will be a first for Britain. Although he is now a US citizen, he was born in Lin-

in the station's 11-year-history.

bridge, and is the son of an RAF air commodore.

The chief of Russia's Mission Control, Vladimir Solovyov, said yesterday that Foale was "clearly delighted" by the possibility of taking part in the sor-tic. Under the initial plans, he was not expected to venture into space during his stint on Mir flight, although he has walked in space before, in 1995.

Under the original plan, Foale was to have spent the operation in the Soyuz escape capsule, ready to launch an cosmonauts' equipment.

to a hatch linking it with Mir. The crew's task is further complicated by uncertainty over what may be floating around inside Spektr. There is concern that laboratory chemicals may

emergency getaway if necessary.

If he replaces the commander, then it is likely he will find himself assisting the flight en-gineer, Alexander Lazutkin, who will enter the module and try to locate wires from three solar panels, These cables, which were unhooked in the scramble to seal off the module after it was holed, will be reconnected

have escaped from their convised to leave in a gesture of tainers and could damage the diplomatic protest. Although

Grim future for democrats in Cambodia

Matthew Chance Phnom Penh

Two weeks of sleepless nights have visibly shaken Lao Mong Hay. The Phnom Penh offices of his Khmer Institute of Democracy had to close dur-ing Cambodia's latest bout of political violence, which ushered in Hun Sen as the sole effective ruler. Now the institute's doors are open once again but the mood among its researchers and librarians is grim. "Our situation is bleak," says

Dr Lao. "Hun Sen's gamble with democracy and the world looks like it will pay off and the losers are the people of Cambodia. Our hopes for peace, se-curity and freedom are shattered." Dr Lao has charted his country's UN-sponsored experiment with democracy from its inception at talks in Paris back in the 1980s, Accountability and freedom were always tall orders for a country bred on violence but the international community, he says, looks poised to abandon all hopes of true democracy in Cambodia in deference to Hun Sen, a man whom, at great risk, he labels "Cambodia's new dictator".

Earlier this month forces loyal to "second" prime minister Hun Sen ousted his rival and senior co-premier. Prince Norodom Ranariddh, accusing him of forging an illegal pact with the hated Khmer Rouge guerrillas. In two days' fighting in Phnom Penh. 58 people. mostly civilians, died. Japan, the US and Germany suspended aid programmes; thousands of foreigners were evacuated or ad-

lighting continues in the remote north-western jungles, the situation has calmed over much of the country. Prince Ranariddh fled into exile and the militias of Hun Sen are tightening their grip amid reports of arrests and killings. In the rural provinces and in towns across the country, signs of Prince Ranariddh's Funcinpec political party have been ripped down by troops. Party slogans have been painted over with broad strokes of black paint and replaced with new messages. *Royalist Traitors," read graffiti scrawled across the broken walls of one erstwhile Funcinpec party office

in Phnom Penh. But the initial anger of the world's democracies has been replaced by a cynical acceptance of the country's new and au-thoritarian sole power. Hun Sen added a veneer of legitimacy to his takeover by naming the Funcinpec Foreign Minister, Ung Huot, to replace his former boss as co-premier.

The reason for the attitude appears to be one of pragmatism. The UN-forged coalition between Hun Sen and Prince Ranariddh failed, and Cambodia, plagued by rivalry between the two co-premiers, was racked by corruption and all but paralysed for the past 18 months.

"At least now things might get done, laws might get passed, and the country might get moving again," said a diplomat.

But the stance is hardly justinable in the face of the country's collective terror at the prospect of a return to life without the freedoms promised in the four years since its imperfect, but fledgling, democracy lurched into life.



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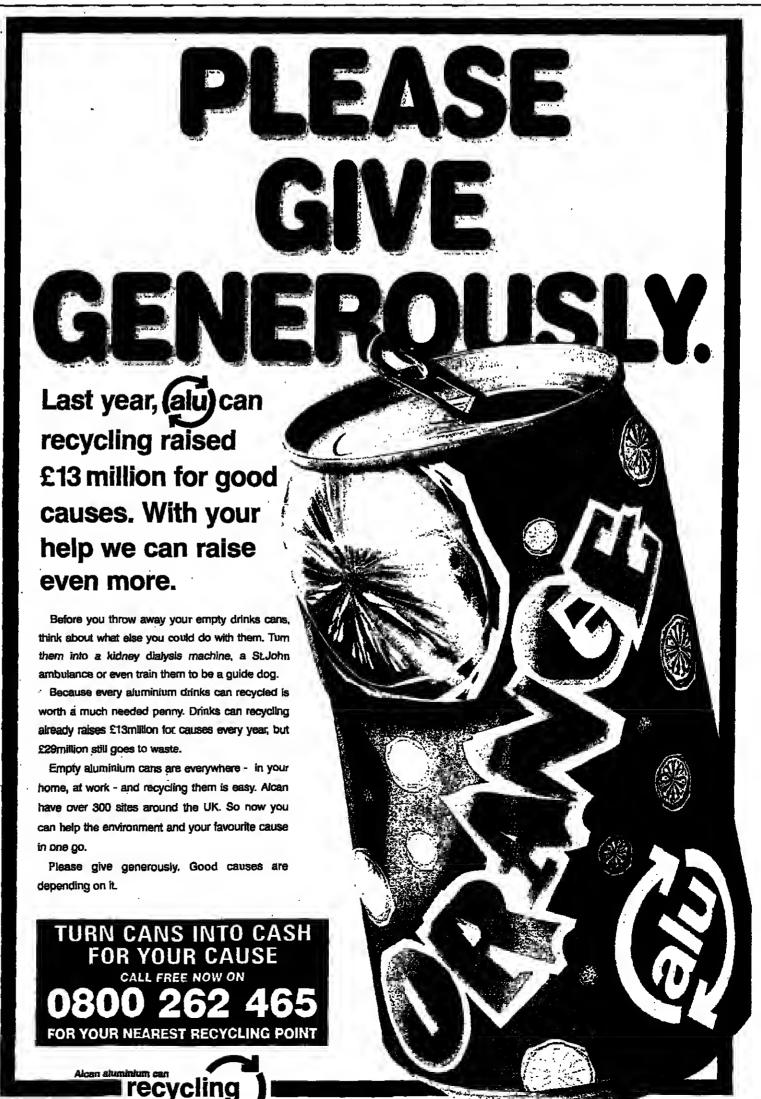
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EC holds hand out as states make grade

Strasbourg

The European Union vesterday launched what will probably become the most ambitious and traumatic transformation in its history, when proposals were published to expand to 21 mem-

hers early in the new millennium. Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Estonia and Cyprus were told by the European Commission that they had sufficiently proved their democratic and economic credentials to start negotiations on

membership early next year. A further five countries. Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovaia and Romania learnt that

members into new millennium

they had failed to qualify for the first wave of expansion, but were assured that they, too, could join once they have made

The expansion programme will produce a "stable Europe that is open to the world," the Commission promised, in a detailed exposition of the expansion programme called "Agenda 2000". The working assumption is that negotiations with the first

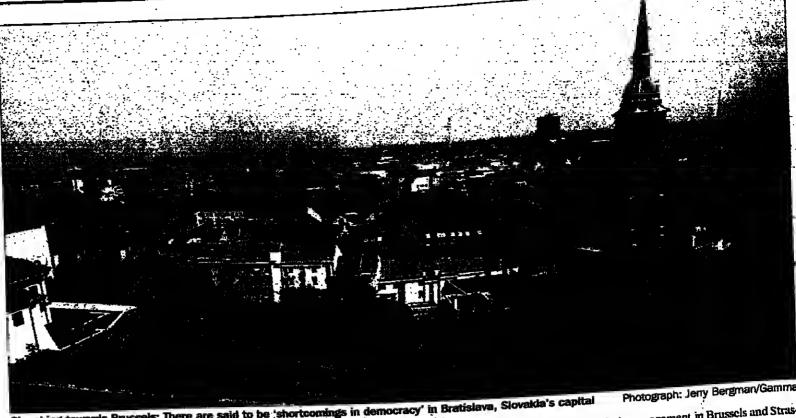
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Expansion plans applicants could be completed by 2002 or 2003, said Jacques Santer, the European Commission President.

Accession talks with the new members are to be accompa-EU agricultural policies and aid funding, and the entire programme is to be financed by a veritable Marshall plan", amounting to 75 hillion ecus,

(£52.5bn) pledged Mr Santer. Rohin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said the programme opens a new chapter in the history of the European Union" and he welcomed the fact that Europe was "moving away from introspection" to prosperity



There are said to be 'shortcomings in democracy' in Bratislava, Slovakla's capital

throughout Europe". However, even as the proposals were being distributed early signs emerged of the fierce political battles that lie ahead, as the ex-

After presenting his plan to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, Mr Santer was accused, by Parliament members of risking "dangerous political

mer Soviet bloc countries into the club before others.

Some applicants have suggested the exam process has been a lottery. Slovakia, for ex-

agement in Brussels and Stras ample, where GDP is relative-

ly high for Eastern Europe - at 41 per cent of the EU average -hnt which failed the tests because of "shortcomings in the functioning of its democracy". condemned the Commission ruling yesterday as "unjust". Estonia, meanwhile, which

has a GDP per head of about 23 per cent of the EU average, but, which, says the Commission, "presents the characteristics of democracy", easily

qualified for early entry.

Mr Santer rejected allegations of bias and assured all member states that the firstwave countries were "part of a process to be engaged with all applicant countries". Armual rews are to be instituted with each applicant to ensure they all emain on track for membership, says the Commission. Reaction to the Commission's

proposals is likely to be just as fractious among existing mem-ber states, already doubtful about the benefits and cost of enlargement. A final decision on who joins when is to be taken by heads of government at the Luxembourg summit in December. Mr Santer reiterated yesterday that last month's Ams-

terdam summit, intended to re-vamp EU institutions ready for expansion, had failed, and announced that a new Inter-Governmental Conference (IGC) would be needed around 2000 to complete the job. However, launching a new

IGC could mean launching months of new introspective debate, of precisely the kind which Mr Cook had hoped was over, raising questions about the en-

Without re-vamping the status for many EU region EU's present structure, how-

For translators, for example, the accession of all 11 candidates would bring 11 new languages into the EU (Cyprus would introduce Turkish) presenting about 244 possible lan-

guage combinations. Even without an early new IGC, political infighting among memher states could still alter the list of first-comers, and the timetable for accession.

Several governments have already indicated that they would have preferred a smaller "first wave" of just Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, to limit the shock to EU institutions and budget. There has also been a preference among many member states for starting the negotiations with all applicants and allowing the slow-paced to drop behind, However, this so-called "re-

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gatta" approach could also have been viewed as an excuse for further prevarication, and the Commission bravely chose yesterday to name the names of qualifying countries - decisions widely seen to have been soundly and fairly based. Given the recent Nato decision to accept just three new members, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic the EU's approach of five plus one (a phrase which dis-

> Europeans) may yet be seen to make geo-strategic sense. Of fundamental interest to member states in the ensuing , debate will be the inevitable cuts in their own EU aid funding, as money is shifted towards help-

tinguishes Cyprus from the cast

ing the new members. The phasing out of priority aid where GDP has now achieved 75 ever, the union could simply implode. The complexities of cut off for special funds - will

enlargement raise staggering possibilities for day-to-day man-Tough talking ahead with EU farmers

Katherine Butler Strasbourg

European agriculture ministers open negotiations next week on the most radical ever reform of the EU's farm policy, the pace and scale of which is being directly dictated by

the planned expansion into Eastern Europe.
As revealed by The Independent last week, proposals unveiled by European Commission President Jacques Santer yesterday outline the first stage of a bid to phase out guaranteed market prices, the cornerstone of the annual £30bn Common Agricultural Policy budget since its inception in 1962. Prices for the three key commodities - cereals, beef and dairy products could be slashed by up to one third between 2000 and 2002, accompanied by a huge shift towards direct aid for farmers on

low incomes. Defending the proposals. Franz Fischler, the EU farm commissioner, warned there was no other option. "The alternative to reform, if we carry on with the present system, would mean new cereal and meat mountains, bigger than the ones we we had to cope with in the past. The demand for food

is not going to go up significantly in the next few years," he said. Eating up around 45 per cent of the EU's central budget, agriculture is an obvious target for pre-enlargement reform. This will not necessarily reduce the amount the CAP costs taxpayers, but to avert an explosion in spending down the road given that a quarter of the workforce in Eastern Europe is employed on the land. Brussels also fears the political and economic upheaval which would flow from forcing eastern Eu-

power is one third of people in the EU, to pay the artificially high prices charged in the

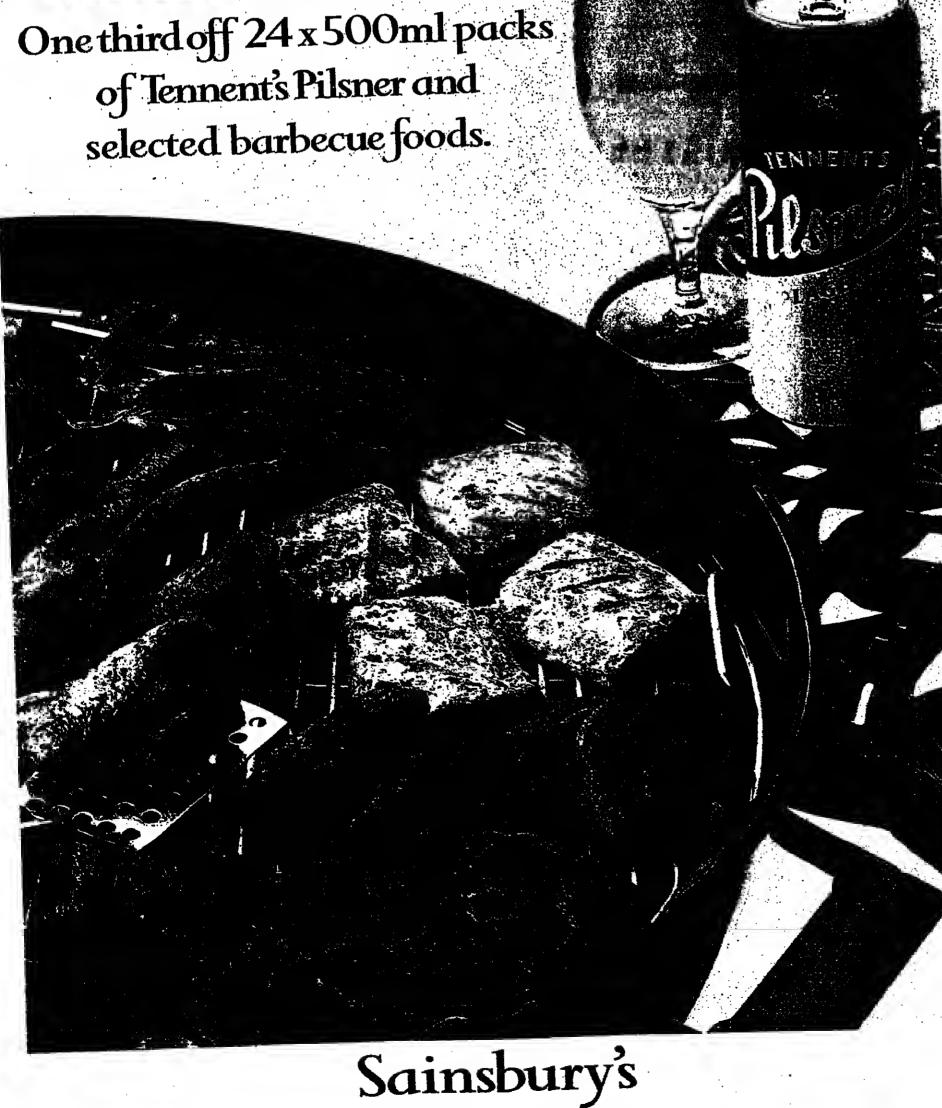
Direct cash aid will, the Commission estimates, cause spending to rise by almost £60n annually, while savings on price and export subsidies will amount to £2.8bn, a net increase of £3.2bn in the annual farm

But consumers should see some benefit. Cutting the price guaranteed to farmers by 30 per cent for beef, 20 per cent for cereals and 10 per cent for milk, is aimed at allowing EU farmers to compete on world markets without the aid of export subsidies. Becf in Australia is produced for around 38p per pound, in Europe farmers ro ceive closer to 90p per pound.

The drive towards world prices should therefore in theory lead to cheaper food in the shops from 2000, easing the hurden for EU taxpayers on one front at least. "It is clear that the prices for consumers will come. down. Beef in particular must become as competitive as white meat in the supermarkets" said

Mr Fischler. Industry analysts stress, however, that the play of market forces could work against consumers as it did in the past three years, when a world drought drove the grain price up despite 1992 cuts in the guaranteed prices for cereals. Purthermore the farmgate price is just one el-ement of the retail price transport, packaging and the profits of middlemen have to be factored in.

The reaction of the powerful EU farm lobby which immediately labelled the latest proposals "catastrophic" heralds 2 rough round of negotiations which could see the worst of the ropeans, whose purchasing price cuts softened.



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TWA 800 inquiry lost in a labyrinth

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On the first anniversary of the crash that killed 230, there is still no solid lead as to the cause

David Usborne New York

The waters off Long Island promise to be smooth this evening, pressed into silken submission by a hentwave typical to the nicht are that way of the nicht are that way on this night one year ago: then, however, they were also

It is the first amaiversary of the crash of TWA Flight 800 and still we are asking the same question we asked that night as, gluedto our television sets, we watched the flames dance on the ocean surface. What happened aboard that Boeing 747 - an air-craft with an unparalleled safety record - to have brought it down? A mammoth investigation still goes on, which, when it is done, will probably cost \$50m (£31m). The FBI at one point had 700 agents assigned to it. Some 95 per cent of the aircraft, its white-and-red-liveried body twisted and torn, has been recovered and a 90-foot section has been reconstructed.

And yet, as those most closely touched by the catastrophe relatives and friends of the 230 who perished. Navy divers and rescue workers - gather over the next few days for memorial and remembrance services here, the balm of what grief counsellors might call "closure"

It is a continuing mystery that also offers cause for unease for all of us. Until we understand what befell the plane, how can we know what we should be doing to stop it happening again?

Some progress has been made but none of it is especially reassuring. The earliest assumptions pointed to sabotage. In a country just recovering from the Oklahoma bombing and the attack three years earlier on the World Trade Center. to incline that way was not surprising. There was the simple bomh theory, spurred by mem-ories of Lockerbie. More exotic was the notion that the climbing aircraft had been ripped open by a surface-to-air missile. Now, however, those scenarios are fading, principally because of the absence of any evidence of an an incendiary explosion among all the parts of the plane recovered.

The FBI only recently admitted that it has almost exhausted its leads and will probably conclude its part of the quiry in two to three months.

That points to the other, perhaps more worrying, con-clusion: that the aircraft, which was 25 years old and a veritahle pensioner among commercial jets still flying, suffered some mechanical mishap.

For months the focus of the mechanical investigation has

been the central fuel tank. It is now thought certain the plane broke into pieces when the tank, which was nearly empty at the plane's take-off from John F Kennedy airport, exploded. What, though, sparked that ex-

plosion? Experts this week began test flights out of JFK using a 747 of similar vintage to the one that crashed and which has been laced with 150 sensors to measure conditions on

Most importantly, they will monitor variations of temperature and movement in the fuel tank to understand how much energy would have been needed to cause an ignition. A variety of possible causes

are under scrutiny, ranging from sparks perhaps created by chafed wires connected to a fuel pump to, more improbably, the creation of an electro-magnetic field by passengers turning on devices like lap-top computers.

the role played by air-conditioning units adjacent to the lank in heating the fuel vapours

If a culprit is identified, the consequences for the industry

ligsaw of death: Part of the Boeing's fuselage, reconstructed in a Long Island hangar from some 700 fragments over a period of two months. Investigators are still at

Photograph; Reuters

may he far-reaching, especially if age is determined to have been a factor. Of all the jet aircraft built. 80 per cent are still in service, many flying beyond their original life expectancies.

"Boeing and other manufacturers are claiming that as long as you properly maintain them you can run these planes for ever," said Vernon Gross, a former official of the National Transportation Safety Board. That's a joke."

Even now, a legacy of the crash is forming. Spurred by the early sabotage theories, the government has begun putting n place new security arrangements at airports, including a requirement that bags always travel on the same aircraft as their owners. New procedures have also been designed to provide hetter support for triends and relatives bereaved

when accidents occur.

As frustration with the length of the investigation grows, it is worth noting that solving such crashes is rarely easy. It is nearly three years, for instance, since a USAir 737 ploughed into woods close to Pittsburgh. killing all on hoard. The investigation is still going on.

Bosnia force fears reprisals

Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

International peace-keepers in Bosnia were on guard against a Bosnian Serb terrorist offeosive after three attacks yesterday. A US soldier was attacked with a sickle, and grenades were thrown at police monitors and a UN worker.

The international stabilisation force (S-For) - moved-against war-crimes suspects last week, arresting one and killing another who resisted, provoking protests from the Bosnian Serbs and Russia. On Sunday a bomb went ou in Zvornik. which S-For dismissed as an "isolated incident".

"It's still too early to tie these incidents together", said UN international police spokesman Liam McDowell. But the grenade attacks occurred in Banja Luka and Prijedor, in hicles in Zvornik, on the east-north-west Bosnia where em side of Bosnia. Although British S-For troops shot war- the UN maintains yesterday's atcrimes suspect Simo Drljaca and tacks were also isolated inci-

The US soldier was attacked in Kladanj, a Serb-h'eld town on the boundary between the Bosnian Serb "republic" and the Muslim-Croat federation. He was attacked from behind by a man wielding a sickle, a Nato spokeswoman said, and re-ceived treatment for a gash in the shoulder. Earlier in the day a hand grenade exploded near the house of UN employee in Prijedor, where Driaca had been chief of police. On Tuesday another grenade exploded outside an apartment block in nearby Banja Luka, the second city of Serb-held Bosnia, housing officials of the Org

for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). The first sign of Bosnian Serb retaliation against the international presence was on Sunday, night when a bomb damaged OSCE offices and ve-

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Biggest ever reform of UN bureaucracy

David Usborne New York

Unveiling the most ambitious package of internal reforms ever attempted by the United Na-tions, the Secretary General, Kofi Annan, pledged yesterday to unshackle the organisation to unshackle the organisation from its worst bureancratic excesses and to help it to rediscover its fundamental goals of lifting up the poor and fostering peace.

In a long-awaited presentation to the UN member states in New York, the Secretary General offered multiple measures and

fered multiple measures and proposals - some that can be enacted at once by his own au-thority and others that will require governmental approval that will touch almost every cormer of the sprawling organisation.
"Starting today," he declared,
"we begin a quiet revolution in
the United Nations". Included are radical steps to 'Quiet revolution' is aimed at a return to bacic values

redesign the leadership struc-ture at the head of the UN Secretariat itself, with for instance, the creation of a new post of Deputy Secretary General, and measures forcibly to yoke together the numerous, often competing. UN agencies that work in the field in developing countries. Mr Annan is also upgrading activities on disarmament and on combating

terrorism and the drugs trade. The package represents an acknowledgement by the UN of its own shortcomings in efficiency and effectiveness that have increasingly been criti-cised by an often disappointed and frustrated membership. It is also an attempt to reverse a slide in popular support for the

UN's work. It was largely on that platform that Mr Annan, a Ghanaian, was elected to replace Boutros Boutros Ghali at

the start of the year.

But anyone looking for Mr

Annan to transform the UN overnight will be disappointed.
His proposals bear the hall-marks of composition by a committee pulled in several directions.

directions.

Looming over the entire process is the continuing financial crisis at the organisation and the battle to persuade the United States to pay arrears amounting to some \$1.5bn (£1bn). Tucked into Mr Annan's is a proposal certain to be rejected by Britain and other countries to create a \$1bn revolving credit fund on which the UN could draw while the absence of proper payment from sence of proper payment from Washington endures.

As delegations began digesting the 95-page report, some offered early support. "It takes us several steps forward," said Britain's deputy ambassador, Stephen Gommersall. "We welcome in particular the clear focus on the objectives of the organisation and a more effective and inte-

grated management."
Changes in management structure include the establishment of executive committees for four central areas of the organisation's work: peace and se-curity, economic and social affairs, development operations and humanitarian affairs. Ensuring co-ordination between these groups will be a new Senior Management Group that will act as a government-style cabinet for the Secretary General. The Deputy Secretary General would be in charge at General would be in charge at headquarters during the fre-quent trips abroad of Mr Annan.

UN officials emphasised in on ometan emphasised in particular the steps being tak-en in the field to oblige all UNaffiliated bodies working in a country to operate under a single UN flag, under one UN country representative and out of one "UN House". The new arrangements are to be pio-neered with immediate effect in

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The reforms will trigger a pro-tracted game of musical chairs. Three economic and social de-South Africa. partments in New York are to be merged into one, for example, In Geneva, the Centre for Human Rights will be folded into the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The post of Commissioner, recently assigned to Irish President Mary Robinson, will be strength-ened. New offices and senior posts will also be created for the anti-crime and the disarmament

operations. In his recommendations for additional action by govern-ments, Mr Annan also urged the ercation of a commission to study the usefulness of the some specialised UN agencies, some specialised ON agencies, ranging, for example, from the World Health Organisation to the three UN agricultural agencies all based in Rome. Some diplomats murmured disappointment, however, that he was not more forthright in identi-

fying candidates for extinction Anticipating some criticism that he may have been overcautious, the Secretary Gener-al told reporters; "I think my proposals are bold, but they are not suicidal. I consider them bold, although others may tiot". Among those hoping for more will be some Republicans on Capitol Hill.

He also moved swiftly to staunch controversy certain to be stirred by his proposals for the revolving credit fund, in-sisting that something - anything - had to he done to end the UN's permanent state of nearbankruptcy.

Britain puts aid pressure on Jakarta regime

Richard Lloyd Party

Britain will today fail to renew

sultative Group on Indonesia (CGI), a convocation of governments and international organisations which meets under the auspices of the World Bank to co-ordinate aid policy to Jakarta. In the past, Britain has joined other donors in using the occasion to announce the amount of aid which it intends to give to Indonesia in the following year. But today, British officials will make no such

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In 1995 Britain pledged £96.6m at the CGI and last year the figure was £13m. Officials play down the significance of the annual variations, pointing out that long-term aid contracts made by the Conservative government will be fully honoured by Labour until they expire. But it seems clear that the largescale projects supported by the Tories, including power stations and a controversial police

training programme, are things of the past. In a written answer to a parliamentary question on Tuesday, Ms Short said: "Our existing support for sustainable forestry in Indonesia is likely to continue, with increased emphasis on benefits to poor people living in forest areas. We shall be looking for opportunities to support local non-governmental organisations in East Timor and if possible projects supporting trade

unions in Indonesia." Indonesia reacts very sensitively to anything it perceives as interference in its internal affairs, and one diplomat predicted that Britain's failure to make a pledge would be taken hadly by Jakarta. At the end of last month, the Indonesian foreign minister, Ali Alatas, threatened to stop buying arms from Britain if the Government attached conditions concerning

an annual pledge of aid to Indonesia, in a move which will please human rights activists and Labour backbenchers, but which risks creating further tension with the the government in Jakarta. The occasion is the annual meeting in Tokyo of the Con-

pledge, to the surprise of some other foreign diplomats.

Short, the Minister for International Development, British policy is undergoing a comprehensive review aimed at ensuring that aid goes directly to the

At the same time, Indonesian dissidents and activists, together with British backbench MPs. are pressing for a suspension of aid to Jakarta on account of its

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How the French took their time to like to be beside the sea

Joanne Lee Paris

Until the middle of the last century it was not the chic Parisian bourgeoisie who headed for the coast to enjoy the pleasures of the sea, sun and sand but tramps, hunchbacks, the lame, deformed and generally unde-

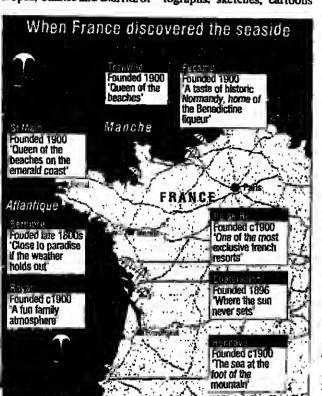
sirable, according to Flaubert, The French tended to consider their beaches as wild, harren and rather dull, and certainly not a place to be spot-ted by any fellow members of the haute societé.

They were a far cry from the

The joys of sun and sand were slow to catch on across the Channel

today, where holidaymakers are rarely averse to being spot-

Our desire to strip down to next to nothing whenever we get the chance, and indulge in bodily pleasures of sea, sun and sand is all explained and illuschic and exclusive resorts of St trated at the exhibition of pho-Tropez, Cannes and Biarritz of tographs, sketches, cartoons



and collages, called "Vacances A La Mer" (holidays at the sea-side) at the Pompidou Centre

The exhibition traces the development of the seaside culture in France, beginning with a de-lightful set of sketches showing 19th-century French families at the beach, obviously not yet aware of the pleasures of a trip to the seaside, and suffering considerably. Another sketch shows a woman who refuses to go into a beach hut to change hecause she is worried that she'll come out looking like the tramp just next to her.

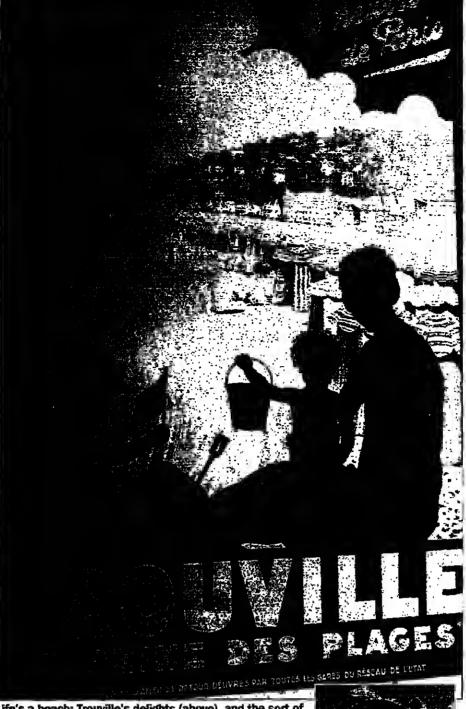
The seaside became more attractive to the French as they became aware of the benefits to health of a stroll along the beach or an afternoon spent in a deckchair hreathing in the fresh sea air. However, the idea of spending a holiday or even a whole day at the seaside only really took off when people be-gan swimming in the sea and the expensive resorts of the South of France as well as those in Normandy and Brittany began to attract large numbers.
The introduction of paid hol-

idays in 1936 and the development of trade unions also encouraged the huild-np of more affordable seaside re-

By 1964 one in three of French holidaymakers chose

to go to the beach. As fashions changed and it became more acceptable to reveal all, or at least nearly all, so people could go to the beach in suitable dress; sunhathing, swimming and playing games became altogether more enjoyable pastimes and of course this step forward opened the door for the creation of beach

However, the creation of the swimming costume posed some serious problems. Those concerned with health were



Life's a beach: Trouville's delights (above), and the sort of seaside headgear (right) that was popular around 1900

adamant that it must be white. as any other colour was considered bad for the skin. However, as the wet T-shirt competition has shown us all, when wet, white tends to hecome transparent. The final solution was the stripe, based on the pavy uniform, and a compromise between the healthconscious and the modest. The stripe hecame the universal beach design, spreading from France to Britain and Belgium and across Europe.

Eventually not only was it

used on swimming costumes, but also to decorate anything from tents to parasols to beach halls and swimming bags. Not until the 1970s and 1980s has it begun to be replaced by designs influenced by Asian, African and Caribbean countries.

The exhibition follows the discovery of the joys and pleasures of the sea, sun and sand. But ends with a sobering sculpture of a family in the 1990s who go for a dip in the sea, only to discover that their feet dissolve on contact with the water.

Embattled Moi tries to talk way out of trouble

Kenya's President Daniel arap Moi agreed to meet opposition leaders next week, stepping up dialogue in the face of protests by groups demanding constitutional reforms. But leaders of an opposition-hacked campaign for reforms said Mr Moi's talks with the leader of the opposition in parliament yesterday and religious leaders on Tuesday were not enough to prompt them to abandon their plans to pressure the President.

New Ukraine PM squeaks in

Parliament approved President Leonid Kuchma's nominee Parliament approved President Leonid Ruchma's nominee for prime minister by a single vole, a reflection of the economically crippling conflict hetween the president and the legislature. Valery Pustovitenko squenked though the Verkhovna Rada with 226 votes, a simple majority in the 450-seat chamber and the lowest possible amount needed to secure approval. There were 91 votes against him and 26

Mobutu said to be near death

A former Zairean government official once loyal to exiled President Mobutu Sese Seko says the deposed dictator is near death with only months to live. Ahagbo Tutu, former general administrator of security services under the Mobutu regime, told state television that he had been with Mr Mobutu since the leader and his entourage fled their homeland, then called Zaire, in May. He remained with Mr Mohutu in Morocco until returning home on Monday. Mr Mohutu has prostate cancer.

Thumbs-down for peace

Palestinians' support for the peace process with Israel commues to drop, according to a poll. Seventy-one percent of the 1,197 Palestinians questioned said their opinion of the peace process had worsened since last year, while only 7.5 per cent said it improved. The tracking poll was conducted by the Jerusalem Media and Communication

ETA rally banned

The Basque regional government said it was barring the separatist guerrilla group ETA's political wing from going ahead with a demonstration on Saturday for fear it would turn violent. Millions of Spaniards have protested peacefully against ETA and its political wing Herri Batasuna in outrage at the killing of a young politician at the weekend but there have also been sporadic attacks on ETA sympathisers. Reuters - Madrid ETA sympathisers.

HK to ease bar on children

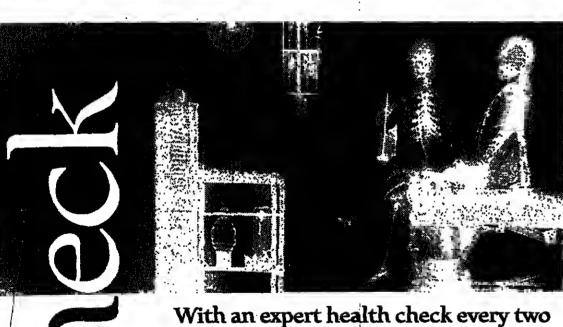
Peking and Hong Kong agreed to let more mainland-born children into the territory but Hong Kong Immigration Director Regina Ipsaid the two sides had not agreed on the

Towering inconvenience

A surprise employees' strike closed the Eiffel Tower. It was called to protest at the sacking of an employee who manhandled a British woman tourist who tried to get out of a lift as the doors were about to close. Reuters - Paris

Vikings ahoy

Adventurers trying to re-create the voyage of Leif Ericsson to the New World have been bedevilled by problems he never dreamed of but said they were ready to set sail. The 12-man crew wants to travel in the same kind of boat Ericsson used 1,000 AP - Kangerlussuaq, Greenland Ericsson used 1,000



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George Hardinge was obses-sively interested in "whodumnis"

and brought a new seriousness and expertise to the publishing

of a genre which many publishers found faintly déclassé.

When in July each year William Collins's most suc-

cessful and prolific author,

Agatha Christie, used to deliv-

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almost unfailing regularity and ever-increasing profitability - no one at the office had thought it

necessary or even right to read

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it on the overnight train to Glas-gow for composition on Collins's Cathedral Street monotype

Hardinge wrote excellent de-

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only slightly less distinguished authors - H.R.F. Keating, Julian

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spot a flaw in plotting however small and to his authors he be-

came not merely a tough cam-paigner for their rights within the firm, but their guarantor of

George Hardinge came of a

formidably achieving family. His grandfather, the first Lord

Hardinge of Penshurst, was Viceroy of India, his grand-

mother the wife of another

statesman, Viscount Milner.

His father was Private Secretary

to two Kings - Edward VIII and George VI - while his mother

was a leading light in Moral Re-Armament. None of this was

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Professor Michael Jaffé

As Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, for 17 years, from 1973 to 1990, Michael Jaffé will be remembered above all for his tireless policy of acquisition: not just of the great paintings which he rescued from the threat of foreign purchase -Van Dyck's Virgin and Child. Stubbs's Gimerack and Renoir's La Place Clichy - but of innumerable other works large and small, all of top quality and interest, from many historical periods and in many media.

This rich haul, to which was added a steady flow of hequests and endowments, was achieved largely by Jaffé's energy, taste and persuasiveness, backed by the good will of such bodies as Heritage and Na-tional Art Collections Fund.

Under Jaffe the Fitzwilliam's collections were rehung and redisplayed. The entrance hall was transformed into a spectacular gallery of early 19th-century sculpture. The museum's extension, after 12 years huilding, was officially opened in 1975, and a greatly expanded programme of public exhibitions hegan, including shows specifically planned to the City of Cambridge's Summer Festival.

Michael Jaffé came up to

King's College, Camhridge, as a scholar in 1945, after four years' service in the RNVR, and immediately entered into the spirit of Cambridge life. He became President of the Marlowe Society, and edited the Granta. He read History and then English, obtained a First, hut also attended the lectures of the Slade Professor of Fine Art, and was a constant visitor to the

After Cambrdge, his professional interest in the visual arts was focused by the classic Courtauld experience. Johannes Wilde's lectures and student access to the Seilern Collection. and later again by research at Harvard on Rubens and his

contemporaries. In the early 1950s Nikolaus Pevsner was making Cambridge itself more conducive to education in the visual arts. Jaffé became a Fellow of King's in 1951, and as Cambridge's only Assistant Lecturer in Fine Arts, from 1956, he began undergraduate teaching in the subject, including memorable classes in the Fitzwilliam.

His own ideas in the 1950s about the scope of art education were inchoate, ambitious and idealistic. His forceful personality began more and more to control his immediate environment; striking evidence of this was the still controversial decision of his college in 1961 to recast the east end of the chapel in order to accommodate Major Allnatt's altarpiece by Rubens.

Jaffé's academic plan, strongly supported by interested spectators such as Ernst Gombrich and Francis Wormald, became a reality in 1961 with the introduction of a Part II in the History of Art. From that time on, Cambridge produced a stream of art historians, curators, art dealers and critics, all stamped by Jaffé's standards and commitment.

In the 1960s he published substantial books on Van Dyck, Rubens and Jordaens. His educational vision, fired by frequent visits to the United States, was to place Cambridge University's art collections at the centre of the activities of the Teaching Department, with a Curator-Professor in control. Had Jaffé succeeded Carl Winter as Director of the Fitzwilliam in 1967 it is just possible that a creative merger of the interests of the Teaching Department and the museum staff might bave been achieved.

The continuing success of the department was endorsed by the university through Jaffé's personal Readership in 1968, and the crucial decision to establish Art History as an independent department, with Jaffé as its Head, in 1970.

His formal connection with the policy-making of the Fitzwilliam began with his appointment as a Syndic, under the chairmanship of Lord Butler of Saffron Walden, in 1971. On David Piper's move to Oxford in 1973 Jaffe attained the Directorship, together with a personal Chair in the History of Western Art. Although be could not continue to be Head of the Teaching Department, his con-. cern for the success of arthistorical training in Cambridge

remained a priority. intervened. Economic constraint was beginning to effect devel- institution "of at least national opment in the university and the importance". Fighting for the university's art museum. The be- Fitzwilliam's practical and pub-



Hard work and singleness of purpose: Jaffé portrayed by Elisabeth Frink in 1992

quest by Hamilton Kerr of the Mill House, Whittlesford, with a considerable endowment, offered Jaffé an opportunity to expand the museum's functions, By a stroke of genius he recognised the chance, in Cambridge and Whittlesford, to implement the 1972 recommendation of the Gulbenkian Foundation for the establishment in Great In the late 1980s faffé real-Britain of an institute for training in the conservation of paintings. The important national and international achievements

tute, a sub-department of the museum, were celebrated in an exhibition of its work at the itzwilliam in 1988. In spite of his constant, resilience, Jaffé felt keenly frustrated by lack of funds, especially from the Government, to support the work of the museum as be now saw it, as an

of the Hamilton Kerr Insti-

lic needs certainly took toll of his original ideal of the unity of purpose of the museum and the university Teaching Department. He had little time in his later years for teaching undergraduates, although his genuine belief in the importance of art education found expression in encouraging schoolchildren to throng the museum.

istically embraced the need to publicise the Fitzwilliam, with the establishment of the Fitzwilliam Museum Trust, and by major touring exhibitions of Fitzwilliam treasures in Japan and the US: d the US. After renning as Director in

1990 he continued his scholarlywork on Rubens; and in 1994
he published four volumes on
the collection of Italian drawings at Chatsworth. The October 1991 issue of the Burlington
Magazine contained essays year-Magazine contained essays watten as a tribute to him by some uished in appearance. It is pleasof his friends, preferred by an ing that a broaze portrait bust 1964 Patricia Milne-Henderso
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editorial which eloquently touched off his achievements. Michael Jaffé's manner and

sentiments were sometimes consciously dismissive, but everyone respected his hard work and singleness of purpose, and many knew him to be a loyal and considerate friend. Although Cambridge, and King's, and the Fitzwilliam were his natural environment, he was also wholly himself in his splendid bouse in Somerset, Clifton Maybank, where he fulfilled other ideals, as private collector, landowner, and lavish discerning bost.

Though dogged in his later ars by ill-health, he coped with

much help to George, who was to discover skills and services he

of him by Elisabeth IFrink is in the Fitzwilliam, as 21 physical reminder of a remark able man.

Royal Naval College at Dartmouth, he served with distinc-G. D. S. Hjenderson tion in the Royal Navy during Andrew Michael Jaffé, art histothe Second World War. During his active service be was torperian and curator, born 3 June 1923; Fellow, King's College, (Cambridge 1952-97; Assistant Lecturer in doed not once, but three times. He remained in the Navy after the war but his career path Fine Arts, Combridge University 1956-60, Lecturer 1961-68, Readchanged when two friends of his, Mark Bonham Carter and er in History of Western, Art 1968-Peler Wyld, introduced him to 73, Head of Department of History of Art 1970-73, Professor of the Billy Collins - then examining of Art 1970-73, Professor of the History of Western Al 1 1973-90 (Emerius); Professors of Renaissance Art, Washington University 1960-61; Director, Litzwilliam Museum 1973-90, (Emerius); CBE 1989; author of Van Dyck's Antwerp. Sketchbrook, 1966, Rubens 1967, Jordaens, 1968, Rubens and Italy 1977, Rubens catalogo completo 1949; editor of The Devonshire Collection of and modernising Collins's general book publishing programme. Hardinge proved a better publisher than Bonham Carter

and Wyld and found his niche The Devonshire Collection of Itahan Drawings 1994; married 1964 Patricia Milne-Henderson



Hardinge: conspiratorial Photograph: UPPA

when the senior editor, Fred Smith, who bad founded the Crime Club 25 years earlier, reluctantly ceded control of it to the gilded youth from the Navy. Apart from the crime list he edited many other authors, mostly novelists, and brought needed new talent into the firm. One such was Richard Mason, whose second novel. The World of Suzie Wong (1957;

three years later to become a famous film), had been turned down by Hodders on moral grounds - a decision later re-gretted. Hodders had published Mason's The Wind Cannot Read

(1947), which was one of the

Lord Hardinge of Penshurst mediate post-war period, but found the golden-hearted whore theme too louche for their standing in the lendinglibrary market. Hardinge had to work hard to prove to the chairman that Suzie Wong was worth backing and its eventual success consolidated his successful rise as Collins's best editor of

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Hardinge used to say that his endurances in the war were tame compared to what went on at Collins in the 1950s, Later he wrote up some of the firm's more questionable activities in a collaborative project to recreate the world of Billy Collins in book form; a project which was never completed, but from which Collins's then publicity manager, Alan Maclean, has drawn for his own memoirs, No. 1 Tell a Lie. It was the Tuesday. to be published by Kyle Cathie

in September. While still at Collins he published his own contribution to the Crime Club lists, Stately Homicide (1953), under the pseudonym George Milner. This was followed in due course by other crime novels, some with a fishing background. Hardinge was a keen and expert fly fisherman but did not publish a book about this until

1976: An Incompleat Angler. Perhaps there was something incomplete about bim. He had married Jan Balfour in 1944 and they had three sons to whom they were both devoted. They lived an active social life near Robertsbridge, were friends of the Muggeridges and the Ed-ward Crankshaws, invited office colleagues and spouses for weekends - speni not only playing hridge and "convoy" swimming, golf, but with long silent periods (common to many publishers) reading typescript submissions from agents. But the marriage ended in 1962 and Jan died tragically eight years later. Hardinge had by then

remarried. Billy Collins fought hard to keep him in the firm but he moved to Macmillan, where he continued for another 20 years to build his reputation as the trade's most effective commercial middlebrow publisher. One of bis best authors was Edith Pargeler (writing as Ellis Peters), whose interfacing of modern detective theory with the medieval world produced a brilliandy autospheric and well-plotted series. When he re-tired from Macmillan he assisted Tim Hely Hutchinson in setting up Headline (later to become Hodder Headline) by bringing a stable of experienced and professional authors to provide ballast at a key moment.

George Hardinge had a great gift for friendship. We had worked together in Collins in the 1950s and continued to meet mostly to discuss the in-iquity of publishers from then until, barely three months ago, the last Old Collins Club lunch took place at Beoty's at which Hardinge was present - im-maculate, superbly turned out. bandsome, with a full head of hair, a beaky nose, a conspiratorial manner and some excellent gossip.

Robin Denniston George Edward Charles Hardinge, publisher and author: born 31 October 1921; succeeded 1960 as third Baron Hardinge of Penshurst; senior editor, Macmillan 1968-86; married 1944 Jan Balfour (died 1970; three sons; marriage dissolved 1962), 1966 Margaret Trezise (née Jerrum: one son, and one stepson); died Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex 14 July 1997.

Joseph Saxby

The world of early music has been dealt a double blow with the deaths of Joseph Saxby and Carl Dolmetsch within just over two weeks. Saxby had been principal barpsichordist at the Haslemere Festival for 60 years and a partner to Carl Dolmetsch in duo recitals which took them all over the world.

Saxby was born in London in 1910, the son of the celebrated Russian violinist Michael Zacharewitsch, who, at the age of 12, had played the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto with the composer conducting. His mother was Joan Saxby, an American. and it was her name that be adopted in order to avoid confusion with his father.

He first appeared on the concert platform as his father's accompanist when he was still in his teens and entered the

Royal College of Music in 1927 under Huhert Fryer for piano and composition as his second study. He went on to achieve considerable success as a soloist and accompanist and played for the famous Irish tenor John Mc-Cormack on his farewell tour. It was in 1932 at the Oxford

Playhouse that Saxby first met Carl Dolmetsch and his sister Nathalie when they formed a baroque trio to provide incidental music for a Shakespeare production. The experience inspired Saxby to turn to the harpsichord and he subsequently studied with Arnold Dolmersch, Carl's father and founder of the Haslemere Festival. This was the beginning of a friendship and musical partnership which was to last for over 60 years. The Dolmetschs are my family," he said.

Dolmetsch and Saxby undertook 49 international tours and gave 42 Wigmore Hall recitals. Saxby first appeared at the Haslemere Festival in 1938 playing the Bach Brandenburg Concerto No 5 and appeared in every subsequent concert until

he retired at the age of 80. Saxby moved to Haslemere after the Second World War and soon became an established local figure. He entered into the life of the town with enthusiasm playing the piano accompani-ment at the annual pantomime, put on by the local amateur dramatic society: he was also available for any charitable cause, which he undertook as if it were an important professional eogagement. He was, admittedly. a showman, but always in the best of taste. Each year at the Haslemere Festival, after having

played an intricate sol o suite with great virtuosity, he would rise, bow, and, with an im pish smile, give a sweeping gest are as if to say, "It was nothing,"
Saxby was not only a fine mu-

sician but a charming, ebullient and lovable man with a wicked twinkle in his eye which capilvated all who knew him. His puns were legendary and his sense of humour equi ally so, but not always complimentary. A story is told about a time when be was chatting to friends in the street and an ambulance screamed past. In a flash, Saxby remarked: "It remainds me of a soprano I once acci impanied."

Margaret Campbell

Joseph Michael Zacharewitsch (Joseph Saxby), pictnist born London 3 January 1910; died Haslemere, Surrey 25 June 1997. Outstanding novels of the im-

Newspaper article was contempt of court

anor, Attorney General v News Group Newspapers Ltd; Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Astill) 15 July 1997

Publication by a newspaper of an article, arising nut of an investigation by one of its reporters whom it must have been realised would be a witness at the subsequent trial, asserting that named persons were guilty of criminal offences and referring to their criminal backgrounds, was a contempt of court. The reporter should not. however have been cross-examined about his conduct in relation to the article upon an application to stay the criminal

proceedings.
The Divisional Court allowed the Attorney General's application under the Contempt of Court Act 1981 in relation to an article published in the News of the World on 11 September 1994, but found that there bad been no contempt in the publication of an article in the same newpaper on

27 August 1995. David Pannick QC and Mark Shaw (Treasury Solicitor) for the Attorney General: Andrew Caldecon QC (Farrers) for the respondents.

17 July 1997

Attorney General head submitted that, applying the strict li-ability rule in section: 2(2) of the Contempt of Court Act 1981. both articles created a substantial risk that the course of justice in the proceedings in question would be seriously impeded or prejudificed.

The first application was based on an article emilled "We smash £100m fake 4 ash ring". Magher Mahmood, a News of the World reporter, had uncovered a large-scale conspiracy to distribute counterfeit money allegedly involving Tony Hassan and Anthoriy Caldori. He had told the police of his mvestigations. The mewspaper having indicated that they intended to publish their investigations on 11 September, the police arrested Hassan and

Caldori on 10 September. The article constituted a detailed description of the investigations. It was submitted by the Attorney General that it described the alleged conspiracy as established fact. It also referred to the defenda nts' crim-

came on for trial on 24 July 1995, counsel for the defendants had successfully applied to the trial judge for a stay of the proceedings because of prejudice

allegedly caused by the article.
The court's task was not to consider bow other courts might react to the existence of the publication, but to form its own view as to whether the criteria laid down by section 2(2) had been satisfied.

The publication in relation to Hassan and Caldori had beyoud doubt constituted a contempt of court under the strict liability rule. The article was well designed to make a big impact on the reader, and the portrayal of the men as career criminals was very likely to be remembered as a feature of it. It must have been realised by the respondents at the time of publication that Mr Mahmood would be a witness at the trial. which would increase the risk of a juror who bad read the arti-

It followed that the judge had been correct to not to alinal records. When the case low the rial to proceed. The ef-

fect upon the administration of justice had been very serious. and the newspaper would be fined £50,000.

The respondents had expressed concern at the procedure followed upon the application for a stay. Mr Mahmood, having expected to he a prosecution witness in a trial, had found himself without warning crossexamined at length by defence counsel about his entire conduct relation to the article.

That procedure had been unfair and irregular. Mr Mahmood should have been warned against self-incrimination, and should have been offered the opportunity to obtain legal advice and representation. Above all, the questioning could not have assisted the judge in deciding

whether a fair trial was possible. The second application concerned an article published in the News of the World on 27 Angust 1995 under the headline "New terror gang take on Tri-ad thugs". Several of the features of the first erticle were either not present or were present to a more limited extent. There had been no contempt of court under the strict liability rule in that case.

Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister.

Photograph: Lebrecht Collection Saxby, left, with Carl Dolmetsch DEATHS Births, CHAPMAN: (Morpeth) Fulbeck, peacefully on 14 July, aged 79 years, George Thomas Liske, dear husband of the late Kay, nuch-loved father of Angela, Michael and Richard, and father-in-law of Sheena and Lesley, Aker a devoted grandfather of Heku, Kate and Jonathan, Funeral service on Wednesday 23 July at Howard Road Methodist Church, at 10 ann. followed the creation at Course Co-forced the creation at Course Co-forced to the course Co-for

Marriages & Deaths

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MERCHANT: Moclwyn. A memorial service to celebrate the life of Pro-lessor The Rev Moclwyn Merchant will be held at All Saints' Church. The Parade, Learnington Spa, at 2pm, Sal-urday 26 July 1997. It is hoped that as many of his friends and former students or per filler will wish tented. as many of his friends and former stu-dents as possible will wish to attend. For further details contact his daugh-ter. Christina Staw, on 0113 225 7210 or his son, Paul Merchant, eto Arden House. 18-20 Clarendon Square, Leatungton Spa CV32 5OT tele-phone 1/1926 423695.

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JAFFE: Michael, on 13 July, at home,

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Memorial service in King's College

Chapel, Cambridge, during Michael-mas ferm (date to be announced). No

Andrew's Church, Steyning, Sussex, on The-day 22 July, at 5pm. ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh give a garden farry at Buckingham Palace; Princess Alexandra abouttends, Princess Princess Alexandra also attends, Princess Margaret, President, the Royal Ballet, attends a performance in the Royal Ballet School at Holland Park Open Air Theatre, London W8. The Balte of Gloucester visits the East of England Show, Peterborought, and, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, takes the value at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court Ex-

hibition Centre, London SW5. The Duchess of Kent, Chancellor, presides at the honorary degree ceremonies at Lacele

Changing of the Guard The Household Carairy Mounted Reg ment mounts the Owen's Life Guard at ment mounts he Queen's the Court at Horse Guards, Ham; is Battalion Roy-al Gursha Rifles mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, H., Mun-hand provided by the Coldstream Guards. Birthdays

Sir Hardy Amies, dressmaker, 88; Mr Richard Barker, former Headmaster, Sevenoaks Schoot, 58; Mr Tim Brooke-Taylor, actor, 57; Mr Mark Burgess, cricketer, 53; Miss Dia-hann Carroll, actress and singer, 62; Sir Alan Cottrell, former Master, Jesus College, Cambridge, 78; Miss Phyllis Diller, comedicane and coa-cert pianist, 80; Mr Patrick Egan, former chairman, Fisons, 67; Mr William Etherington MP, 56; Mr Ray Galinn, scriptwriter, 67; Baroness Gardner of Parkes, dental surgeon, 70; Mr W. Gordon Graham, publisher, 77; Mr Eric Hammond, rade union leader, 68; Mr John Harper, former deputy managing di-rector, British Telecom, 67; Sir William Henderson, microbiologist, 84; Sir William Heseltine, former Private Secretary to the Queen, 67; Lord Lane, former Lord Chief Justice of England, 79; The Right Rev David Lunn, Bishop of Sheffield, 67: Lord Patten, former MP, 52: Dr Marjorie Reeves, historian, 92: Mr Andrew Robathan MP, 46; Mr Peter Sissons, teleision presenter and newscaster, 55: Mr Wayne Sleep, dancer and chore-ographer, 49, Lt-Col Sir Blair Stewart-Wilson, an extra equerry to the Queen, 68: Sir Kenneth Stowe, former senior civil servani, 70; Mr Donald Sutherland, actor, 62; Mr Bob Taylor, cricketer, 56; Sir David West-Russell, former judge and pres-ident of Industrial Tribunals, 76; Mr

tenham College, 56; Mr Terrel Wy-att, chairman, W.S. Atkins Ltd., 70. Anniversaries Births: John Jacob Astor, for trad-

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Paul Delaroche, painter, 1797; Johan August Södermann, composer, 1832; Erle Stanley Gardner, novelist and creator of "Perry Mason", 1889; James Cagney, actor, 1899. Deaths: Adam Smith, political economist and writer, 1790; Charlotte Corday, murderess of Marat, executed 1793; Charles Grey, second Earl Grey, statesman, 1845; James Abbon Mc-Neill Whistler, painter, 1903; Billie Holiday (Eleanora Holiday), jazz singer, 1959. On this day: the Hun-dred Years' War ended after the dedred Years' war ended after the de-feat of the English at Castilion, 1453; the magazine Punch was first published, 1841; George Phillips Bond, astronomer, made the first photograph of a star, 1850; Disney-land opened in California, 1955. Today is the Feast Day of St Clement of Okhrida and his Companions, St Ennodius, St Kenelm, St Leo IV, Pope, St Marcellina, St Nerses Lampropazi. The Seven Apostles of Bulgaria, S1 Speratus and his Companions, The Carmelite Martyrs of Compiegne and The Martyrs of

Lectures

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "Sleep (iii): an introduction to the exhibition", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Sarah Searight, "Medicval Crafts: ceramics", 2.30pm.

Tate Gallery: Michal Rovner talks about her work, 6.30pm (tickets re-British Maseum Beth McKillop,

'Korean Books and Manuscripts' 1.15pm. National Portrait Gallery: Robin Muir, "An Introduction to Clifford LAW REPORT

Lord Justice Pill said that the

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Europe's lost chance to sow the seeds of change

urope has had more than 30 years to wind down its scheme for over-producing overpriced food but yesterday it once again funked the fundamental reforms that are required. Let's rephrase that: what the Common Agricultural Policy needs is not reform hut abolition. Here, this week, with the publication of a plan for negotiations for new entrants to the club, was a golden opportunity to confront the farmers of Franche-Comté and their British and German kin with a reality that has been visited sharply upon their steel-making and coalhewing compatriots - the reality of adaptation to changing market circumstances. It has been thrown away.

But surely only temporarily. The idea that Polish ploughmen or Cypriot wine-growers are going to be inaugu-rated into a regime of subsidy that national taxpayers and Sainshury's shoppers will put up with paying for is untenable. Sooner or later the European Commission is going to have to produce a document that should have seen the light of day a generation ago -a plan for eliminating intervention in agricultural markets altogether in order to allow European food prices to drop to world market levels. Until that day every European discussion should note that the completion of the single market, common currency, harmonisation of trading standards - all the objectives of economic union - are stained and

compromised by the preservation of agricultural price distortion.

Note straightaway that urging the abolition of the CAP is not at all the same as saying there should be no government help for rural communities or public money allocated to preserve landscapes or policies to promote diversified land use. On the contrary, one of the most serious charges that can be made against the CAP is that its "social" justification, that it preserves a valuable form of life in rural areas, does not hold: rural depopulation has accompanied the most effulgent flow of subsidy money into farmers' pockets. As for the CAP as a tool of environmental protection, that is risible. It is a scheme for subsidising over-production and, in certain areas, that has meant the ruthless exploitation of land for a single crop. Recent efforts to buy out land and turn it into forest, for example, have had limited success; and hesides, if the expansion of woodland is a policy objective (as well it might be) it should be done directly rather than as an expensive by-product.

Many further arguments could he mustered against the CAP. Let's plump for two. The first is that it constitutes a monstrous unfairness hetween producer groups. Shipbuilders, coalminers and metal-hashers have all had to take on the chin the effects of open markets. Even in Germany where the old industries of the Ruhr and the Saar have long



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exercised a hold on the political imagmations of Bonn politicians, subsidies have been cut and capacity reduced. The end of coal subsidies is now in sight, despite those recent - and politically effective - demonstrations in the German capital. Aren't the coal communities of Yorkshire or the Lor-raine as deserving as the villages of Cambridgeshire or the Chalonnais? French nationalism, for ever looking back to the glory days, might once, perhaps, have made a case for protecting the way of life of la France profonde. The nature of post-war German politics, especially the need for the Chris-

tian right to keep the Bavarians sweet, explains the adherence of Germany to the original CAP terms. But what looked plausible in the Fifties when the Treaty of Rome was composed makes no sense in the days of the Treaty of Maastricht, let alone Amsterdam. The play of interests inside our own party politics is not so remote from the French, even though we like to sneer at the way in which French urbanites airily defend the indefensible for the sake of some rural essence. In spite of our recent change of government, it is still possible to detect beneath the surface the urban politicians' discomfort

with confronting the transformation of the economics of the countryside. It is not hard to fathom why Tory Euro-sceptics often proved remarkably credulous when it came to the subject of agricultural subsidy.

Of course the CAP has "worked" in

the sense that it has buoyed farming incomes. But it is plain wrong to extrap-olate the fact of excess farming income into the preservation of some valued way of life. The most casual traveller through rural France or Germany (for the purposes of the abolition argument, it is these countries alone which really count) can see that rural employment has less and less connection with agriculture. Village communities enjoy very mixed fortunes, some rising on the hack of commuters who spend their urban earnings locally, and new patterns of economic activity which have very little to do with the land, and a lot to do with the kind of people who want to live in the country.

As for the other arguments, all have fallen by the wayside. Countries do not need to protect an indigenous agriculture industry for "security" reasons: we all depend on imports for critical tech-nologies, including agricultural ones. The fact that the Americans featherbed their own farming industry even more luxuriously than Europeans is relevant only in giving EU negotiators a strong card to play in the World Trade

The CAP is a tax on consumers for the sake, not of agricultural labourers. nor hedgerows or ponds, but for the short-sighted benefit of a select few farming pockets. British, French and German agriculture would not disappear if farmers had to compete on world markets. Their numbers might fall, but their use of land would become more practical, and less destructive. And we would all be a lot better off.

Hey professor, T Rex is fun

r Jack Horner is a spoilsport. Paleo-zoologist he may be, but, as Americans say, Lighten up! Yes, dinosaurs wouldn't break into cars; no, they did not run on their toes and you're right, reptiles do not have deep parental feelings for their offspring. But who said Stephen Spielberg was a doctor of science? He is a film-maker, and we are going to see The Lost World for thrills and spills, not a lesson in saurian habits. A Tyrannosaurus rex from Spielberg's master animators is meant to entertain: giving it mammalian behaviour is artistic licence, which we shouldn't get too earnest about. With luck, children will spend Friday night at the movies and Saturday morning admiring bones in the Natural History Museum.

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Ballet schools fail to face their problem

Sir: Joan Brady ("A step in the wrong direction". 14 July) damns the quality of all British ballet training and teaching along with what she alleges about the Royal Ballet School.

I have news for Mrs Brady. There does exist British ballet outside the Royal Ballet and The Royal Ballet School, There do exist many directors, teachers and administrators who give serious care and attention to the mental and emotional development of dancers as well as to their technical training and their creative development. We practise professional development and are passionate about all areas of our

This work is suffering severely, unlike the fully funded Royal Ballet School, from the almost total elimination of any funding to students from their local education authorities, while the Department for Education and Employment has refused to date to address the problem. This places, on the school and parents, horrendous problems

Central School of Ballet

Royal Ballet School is strangely written. It was attempting to the finest in the world. Her views. in the main, were drawn from the recent industrial tribunal case school hecause her redundancy was not handled correctly on technical procedural grounds. The rest of her allegations were dismissed by the tribunal.

Those wanning to judge the success of the school's training should have been at the Royal Opera House on 1 July – or at Holland Park Theatre this week. Indeed, at the Opera House's final performance, former pupils of the school, now some of the brightest stars in the international hallet world, performed to great acclaim. World-class teachers have nurtured this special talent and they deeply resent some uf the

implications made by Linda Goss. This is a dynamic, vital institution, where the cream of today's talented young dance sludents are making something worthwhile of their lives, with the help of dedicated teachers. It's easy to knock the hest - but it's not worthy of a caring teacher like Linda Goss. Her remarks damage those whom she seeks to serve the students themselves. Lord STERLING Chairman of Governors The Royal Ballet School

Sir: As an ex-pupil of White Lodge, the luwer school of The

of fund-raising.

Dance training and education in this country is, generally speaking, below internationally recognised standards. In no way do I attempt tu excuse the dance wurld for its failure to address this issue properly, opeuly and honestly and until it does so it will gain the respect of no one. Neither the Royal Ballet School in its chosen isolationist position, selfishly hugging its funding, nor the profession's unconstructive complaining have done anything to help solve the problem. ANN STANNARD

London EC1 Sir: Joan Brady's article on The

destroy the reputation of the school which is judged to be one of hrought by Linda Goss, which resulted in a judgment against the

London W14

Royal Ballet School from 1970 to t974, it was with dismay that I read Joan Brady's article.

I hoped that in the 1990s the school would have adopted, methods of training that produced dancers of technical hrilliance without destroying "soul" in the process, which I feel Linda Goss is attuned to. However, sadly her observations are reminiscent of the 1970s, in particular the psychological abuse of pupils. Linda Goss had been a

courageous woman who had dared to challenge a major institution. MICHAEL D VENN. London SW3

Sir. As an objective observer currently writing a book about the life of the children at The Royal Ballet School, I find Joan Brady's article unjust. It hears no relation to what I see there day by day as I watch the pupils at work and chat to them between classes and

It is a tough training, and constant intensive effort is needed to succeed as a professional dancer. It can be painful to accept that the best roles will go to the hardest-working and most talenled children. However, most of the children are highly motivated and there is great satisfaction in performances and creative choreographic work, art and music The atmosphere is much more relaxed than it was when I wrote my first book about the school in 1978. The laughter, chalter and high spirits in free time is as infectious as anywhere else. CAMILLA JESSEL (Lady Pamifnik)

Twickenham, Middlesex

To prevent war. tackle poverty

Sir: Sir Michael Alexander is right to commend the Government for its commitment to creating a national consensus on defence and security policies (letter, 16 July). And Polly Toynbee (article, 14 July) is right to say that the defence review has been "a remarkable exercise in open government"

However, in this context of openness and fresh thinking, it is curious that so little attention has been paid to another government review: the International Development White Paper. Underdevelopment, weak political institutions, the abuse of human rights, population growth and the deterioration of the natural environment - all matters that are being addressed within the White Paper - have the most profound implications for global

security. Fifteen of the 20 poorest countries in the wurld have experienced significant violent conflict in the past 15 years. And the consequences are not contained within national borders In 1995, the international community paid uut \$3hn on peace-keeping operations alone.

The simultaneity of the International Development White Paper and the Strategic Defence Review, not to mention the Government's review of arms export controls, provides an unrivalled opportunity for more

coherent policy responses to the inter-related challenges of sustainable development, conflict prevention, the promotion of good governance and the achievement of common security DAVID MEPHAM British Foreign Policy Programme Saferworld

Hunters – turn to the mountains

Sir: If Geoff Stovold (letter, 14 July) wishes to to take part in a sport involving courage, chivalry and responsibility then I suggest he takes up mountaineering. The mutual dependency between two people connected by a rope, where a mistake by either can be fatal for both, requires absolute trust and creates the strongest of

Mountaineers also contribute to rural economies, do not involve innocent third parties such as horses and do not have the destruction of life as their aim. RICHARD ADAMS

Sir: Barry Leathwood (letter, 11 July) criticises Charlie Pye-Smith's estimate of the impact that a hunt ban would have on rural jobs. There is much confusion over this issue. Let me put the record

If hunting is hanned we estimate that about 14,000 jobs will be lost directly. These are made up as

follows. Employees of kennels and hunt establishments: 910. Stable staff of hunt followers whose prime task is looking after hunters: 3,000. Equestrian trade (fodder, bedding, saddlery, clothing): 3,415. Equestrian industry (vets, farriers, livery yards): 5,486. Hotels, horse

Paying the bill

Sir: According to the Lord Chancellor, higher court fees don't

deter litigants any more than increases in excise duty stop people

buying cars (" 'Fat cat' lawyers face censure", 15 July). However, the

only people who buy cars are those

who have cash or credit - everybody else does without. Many people

deserve redress but can't get legal

aid and can't stump up the fees.

Lord Irvine is right to be concerned about "the price at

which lawyers value their own services", but this is a separate issue. Making litigants pay most of

the costs of running the courts is

like making only sick people pay for the NHS.

Organiser The Campaign for a Fair Hearing

SUZON FORSCEY-MOORE

Price of Pooh

Sir: There is a simple and rather

drawing and an original Maillol

drawing or Bonnard lithograph,

namely that A A Milne's creation

has touched the lives of many more

people in a much deeper way than

I am rather pleased to see

however good.

any stuffy and precious work of art,

evidence that we have out priorities

right. You may keep your etchings; I and many others will be happy to live

with many childhood memories of a

boy and his bear. Long live Pooh! CHRISTOPHER J SHORE

heart-warming reply to Philip Stott's

observation (letter, 14 July) on the relative value of an E H Shepard

for justice

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boxes, garages: 1,000 The number of 60,000 jobs quoted referred to the people employed directly in all field sports including shooting and fishing and is based on an extensive report done by Cobham Resources and published in May 1997. EWEANDREWES Deputy Chairman British Field Sports Society

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oppose a hunting ban on libertarian grounds (leading article, 11 July), you maintain not only that making a sport of killing animals is wrong", but that most of the British public support this contention. Really? Then why do so few lose any sleep over the shooting of game -a sport in which enjoyment is much more directly dependent on the killing of animals than is the case with hunting? Lord MONSON House of Lords

Sir, Although, commendably, you

London SWI Sir: If English MPs are to be excluded from voting on Scottish and Welsh issues, surely urban MPs must be excluded from banning TOM KENYON-SLANEY

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Patents unlock gene secrets

Sir: One thing that many commentators on the debate about genetic patenting (Letters, 14, 15, 16 July) appear to have missed: the reason why patents exist. In return fur a time-limited period of protection, during which the patent holder has the sole right to exploit the invention, the inventor places the information about the invention into the public

Those opposing the granting uf gene patents should reflect on the fact that in 20 or so years' time, these patents will expire and then anyone will be able to use the technology. This is better than having the knowledge locked away unused, or kept commercially secret, or, worse still, never discovered in the first place because no funds are available for TONY FUELL Executive Director The British Institute of Regulatory

Sir: During the 18th and 19th centuries, chemists identified and isolated most of the chemical elements, the basic huilding blocks been happy if they had then patented their discoveries? No, we would have been outraged. I suggest we should respond similarly to attempts to patent the "elements" of life. ANDREW BELSEY Centre for Applied Ethics University of Wales Cardiff

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Rate for the job at the BBC

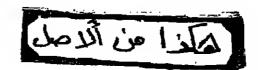
Sir: Rob Brown has the right to his view that senior executives with the very real privilege of working for the BBC should be remunerated less well than elsewhere in the media ("What price public service". 9 July). However, quite how such a policy could be expected to maintain a management team of the calibre to run Britain's largest and arguably most important media company is less clear – a point emphasised by recent appointments such as Michael Jackson at Channel 4 (from the BBC) and ITV's new chief

executive.

The BBC has a single pay policy, across all its grades – of paying at a level necessary to attract and retain staff of the right level. At the most senior level rates of pay remain modest in comparison with the incentive packages available elsewhere in the industry. A few senior executives have had rises reflecting a major increase in their responsibilities, but on average they have been much lower than newspaper stories have implied. COLÍN BROWNE Director of Corporate Affairs BBC London W1

Driver in danger

Sir. Christopher Padley (letter, 11 July) seeks a vehicle whose driver will behave mure safely because he or she is most at risk. Such a vehicle exists; it is called a hicycle. A collision with even a pedestrian is usually more damaging to the rider. GRAHAM BALFRY





The controversial winner of the Carnegie Medal for children's fiction explores the dark side of growing up. Ann Treneman meets the author of a beautifully written story of the glamour and waste of the drug culture



Melvin Burgess with his children, Oliver and Pearl. Grown-ups are terribily nostalgic about childhood. But it's not necessarily a happy time, is it? Photograph: John Angerson

Needle-sharp tales for teens

out with a hammer while on a DIY mission, it still looks frightening. Or pethaps it is the short and haphazard haircut. "I suppose it does make me look

a bit of a convict," he says. Or perhaps it is because he is the author of Junk, a book about a couple of 14-year-olds named Gemma and Tar who run away from home and get hooked on the glamour of drugs just a moment before they get hooked on heroin for real. Yesterday this book won the Library Association's Carnegie Medal, the most presbeautifully written does not make the profoundly depressing tale any easier to read.

The book uses nine characters to chart Gemma and Tar's downward soiral, but Melvin says none of them is him. Yes, he lived in inner-city Bristol for eight years in the Eighties and he knew the scene well. There were a lot of drugs, unemployment and interesting people milling around. "A lot of crime and a lot of ideals as well, lots of left-wing politics." His hrother was a junkie and died a junkie (though of Hodgkin's disease) a few years ago. But

Melvin was not. "I managed to steer clear of needles and highly addictive substances," he says. "I was an

tigious prize in children's liter- observer. Journalists are run. So I didn't do any more ature, but the fact that it is observers hat so are novelists. You try to arrive at the truth by journalist." He laughs at this

with real delight.

At one point, Melvin did a hit of journalism himself but bated it. That was right after his schooling, which he wasn't too keen on either. "You see the thing is I failed my 11-plus and so I went to a secondary modern. I can remember one hideous old hag of a harridan who set us a story. I did it in the form of a diary and she was furious because I hadn't done as I was told. I remember her

saying to me: 'You have to

learn to walk before you can

He pauses for a moment in telling a pack of lies if you are what is obviously a roll. "I have kitchen is geared to real-life writing fiction, as opposed to excised her name from my cooking and as a single father he trying to arrive at a pack of lies memory. They weren't all ratby telling the truth if you are a bags but some of them were the most horrendous bilches and bastards. I can remember teachers in those days at secondary moderns who really wanted their entrails pulling out

through their navels." His upbringing may have been middle-class and Home Counties, but for years after he gave up on journalism he was a spare-time writer who was often unemployed or doing jobs such as bricklaying or hus conducting. At 35 he moved north and started writing full-time. Eight years later he is still making a living at it - just - from his terraced house in the village of Earby, near Skipton, Yorkshire.

He is separated and lives there with his son Oliver, eight, and his daughter Pearl, six, who visits regularly from her mother's home in Germany. Pets include two gigantie cockroaches and a large jar of snails. There is also a cat named Panky. There used to he one named Hanky hut he has moved next door. All of this was in aid of being able to go out of the back door and shout: "Hanky-Panky! Hanky-Panky!"

The practical and the magical live side-by-side in this house. There is a large, custom-built

Wendy House in his front room, for instance, and the fireplace is dwarfed by a giant kite. But the knows what that means. His writing also can be surreal, but. "When I decided to see if I could do this full-time. I decided to do short stories, radio plays

6 I like doing funny books though my funny books are quite nasty as well, come to think of it?

and children's fiction." He sold all three but his children's fiction got the best response, so he went to the Writer's and Artist's Yearbook and started contacting publishers. He never got past the "A"s because there he found Andersen Press and its director,

Klaus Flugge.
"With Klaus I don't need an agent. He's a good publisher, he looks after you. He makes sure you get your money early at Christmas. You can walk in with a manuscript and out with a cheque. Why give 20 per cent to an agent? Sod them." His first book, The Cry of the

Wolf, was shortlisted for the Carnegie and he was off. Nature seems a favourite tigers and red kites both have books - but he has also roamed from the cerie world of a rubbish tip city to the rubble of the books all have a dark edge. "Grown-ups are terribly nos-talgic about childhood," he said. "But it's not necessarily a happy time, is it?" He knows he

has a talent for writing about the dark side of life. "I do like the internal intensity," he said. It was Klaus who suggested he might want to tackle the subject of drugs. "His son was around the age when he might start experimenting and he wanted to give him a book, hut there weren't any on the subject. Particularly there was nothing about the culture which is so exciting - the drugs, the

glamour, the music."

The research was already done, of course, and so he decided to do the book. "I knew it all already, but some of the hits, particularly those to do with my brother, were upsetting. It's terribly upsetting watching somebody who is addicted. It has a totally distinctive effect on the personality and how they operate. I would be very interested to know how the very rich behave, but its effect on your average poor Joe is quite devastating. They become astonishingly devious and self-deceiv-

credit cards or a handbag lying around as they just disappear.

Even if they love you." Since it was shortlisted for the Carnegie, hunk has had its share of shock-horror headlines but really objects to the book though the media are determined to find someone, anyone, who does. It is true that the most quoted critic - Nick Seaton, from a parents' lobbying group - had not read the book and objected mainly to it being on the shortlist. Burgess dismisses the whole farrago: "It is just nonsense that anyone should object to any child who is 14 or 15 reading something like this."

But when one or two paragraphs are quoted out of context, then it is his turn to object. Like the time a radio interviewer read out a passage where the beautiful but hopelessly hooked Lilly injects into the veins between her hreasts while feeding her baby. "As far as the heroin side of it is concemed, it is based on things that people I knew very well did. All the shocking hits are true. The Lilly character is based on a real person who still has hruises up and down her beautiful long legs and who did inject while hreastfeeding," he says. "But I really didn't think people would say how dare he write about people injecting their milky tits with heroin. I thought it would

be how dare he acknowledge that drugs are fun and that drugs are glamorous.

Perhaps one reason for the headlines is that teenage fiction itself is a fairly new world. Even bookshops are confused: some place Junk with adult fiction, others in the children's section. But part of the book's danger comes from its 14-year-old nar-rators. "Chasing the dragon ... yeah." says Gemma. "It's like Chinese magic. That smoke, that's your Chinese dragon and when you breathe that dragon in and he coils about in your veins, like Lilly said, you feel better than anyone else ever did. You feel better than Churchill after he won the war, you feel better than the cave man when he discovered fire, you feel like Romeo did when he finally got to bed with Julier."

then there is Tar, who traded his parents' alcohol-sozzled world for his own drugged one. Here is how he reacts to finding Alan and Helen, two of his friends, dead with needles sticking out of their arms. "They looked just like themselves but they weren't moving. Alan was still gor geous. She'd gone a hit thin lately, which didn't suit her. So had he but it made him look even nicer if anything. I wanted to kiss her on the cheek because

I knew she couldn't wake up. You could not write this kind of stuff for an 11- or t2-year-old hut you can for a 15-year-old.
"The funny thing is that the actual glamour of realism isn't really realism. It's a sort of glamour embedded in life. The whole thing about heroin, for example, is that being dead can be seen as really quite glamorous. You know the whole thing of too fast to live, too young to die. Now there's heroin chic, sick, skinny, pale girls with bags under their eyes. And they even have them sort of fashionably huddled up in corners of concrete urinals. The only thing they don't show is the pool of vomit they would have next to them in real life."

of vomit. "Of the central people that I hased Junk on, one is dead, one I've lost touch with, two still have a problem and one is still on methadone," he says. "It is dangerous stuff. There are a lot more fun things to do. If people are going to take drugs and a lot of them are - then they should be encouraged not to take this one in particular."

The real challenge in terms of druggie novels, he says, would be to write one about the not-so-dangerous kinds that hundreds of thousands of people take every weekend with no dreadful consequences. For the moment, though, he has other things on his mind. One is a "knobbly boys' book about sexuality", and another is a tale of loneliness and kids who live in ventilation shafts.

Does he ever yearn to write a book about smiling people and happy endings? "No, not really. I quite like to do funny hooks though my funny books are quite nasty as well, come to think of it." He laughs, his gap tooth flashing merrily away.

Junk' by Melvin Burgess (Andersen Press, £12.99).

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Heard the one about the running joke? Tam told that the Lada living from selling Lada cars, he wouldn't have found car will soon no tonger be on sale in this them very funny anyway. But country. Well, I wasn't told the BBC reporter went on it - I overheard it on the telling the man these Lada radio. A Lada agent was jokes. This may have been being interviewed by a BBC because he was a bad interviewer. But more likely reporter about the end of the Lada presence in the UK. Well, that's not quite it was because he knew that

true either. The BBC to tell them again. reporter was mostly taking the opportunity of telling the Lada agent all the Lada We are, in fact, in at the jokes he knew. You know Lada jokes? They are jokes that depend on your accepting the Lada as a really bad car. Jokes like "What do you call a Lada with twin exhausts?"

"A wheelbarrow. "How does a thief hreak into a Lada?" "Through the coachwork."

these:

What do you call a Lada with no wheels?" "A skip." Do you get the idea? No.

they're not that funny. really. The Lada agent certainly didn't think so. He didn't laugh at all. There was a good chance he had heard many of them before. There was an even better chance that, as he made a

if he didn't tell these jokes now he would never be able

death of an Aunt Sally, the end of a laughing stock, the time when a running gag finally runs out of puff and collapses on the edge of the track, unable to continue. We need running gags like these. Society seems to depend on them. But we have to change them from time to time, because you can't work a running gag for ever. They did their best with the British Rail sandwich. Ho, ho, ho! The

"He was as dead as a British Rail sandwich. Her lips curled up, like the edges of a British Rail sandwich.

old British Rail Sandwich

Ha ha ha, ho ho ho, good old British sense of humour. Even when the sandwiches became good on British Rail



Miles Kington

the lokes went on. Indeed, even the disappearance of British Rail hasn't affected the joke. People still make iokes about the same railway sandwiches.

(Strange, because by now you think people would be making jokes about Eurostar sandwiches. I have travelled twice on Eurostar, and each time the standard of snacks at the buffet and on the trolley was abysmal. I have heard the same from other travellers. You get a far better service on the Portsmouth to Cardiff train than the London to Paris

But Aunt Sallies don't just die, they get horn as well. Have you noticed that Channel 5 is a new laughing stock? Quick, cheap laughs are readily available by saying a thing is almost as hard as getting Channel 5, or almost as bad as Channel 5. I wouldn't know myself - I can't get Channel 5. And the man

who allegedly visited every home in Britain to retune our TV sets never came near us. But even though I have never seen a Channel 5 programme, I have heard a Channel 5 joke already, as

"Did you hear about the Channel 5 executive who got married. Grey wedding, crappy reception ...

I didn't say it was a good joke. I just said it was a joke, and I find it extraordinary that people can repeat jokes like that who have never seen Channel 5 in their lives. They used to make similar jokes about Channel 4. They used to make jokes about the Sinclair CS. In fact, they now make jokes about Norwegians. My son the other day repeated a line he had pinched from Red Dwarf - Death is like being at a

party where all the guests are Norwegians" - and he laughed. But my son has never met a Norwegian in his life. He doesn't know where Norway is. He simply recognised the shape of n good joke and laughed. Someone told me a joke about Damon Hill the other

day. How did it go? That's "Why is Damon Hill. envious of Tiger Woods? Because Tiger Woods can

drive 300 yards," Hmmm. Perhaps it loses something in the writingdown. And if you have never

heard of either man, it may lose a little something too.

Anyway, this is straying somewhat from my original point, which was merely to ssue a request to surrender all your Lada jokes, as they are now beyond their sell-by dates and no longer work properly. Please send them back, together with any other obsolete and no longer working gags you may have, for instance 4 Group 4 jokes, or Lord Lucan jokes, or Prince Charles talking to the flowers jokes, or Gazza jokes, or Eldorado jokes, Ot ... Full list on request.

Burke: the rights and wrongs of radicalism

hope there weren't any ghastly journalists present, saving that I warned to burn the rich," muttered Ken Livingstone as he loped down the marble staircase of Church House in London, after an impassioned rant about the French Revolution. "That would cause trouble with Mandelson."

So, for the record, he did not say he wanted to burn the nch now, only that if he had been a French peasant in 1790 he might well have joined the mobs who nailed their landlords' feet to the ground then lit fires between their legs. He was debating the philosophy of Edmund Burke with Roger Scruton, the professor of philosophy at London's Birkbeck College, Charles Moore, editor of The Daily Telegraph, and Edward Pearce, the jobhing intellectual, the last two presumably un-ghastly journalists. Burke, who died 200 years

ago this month, still rouses modern readers as he did his friend and contemporary Oliver Goldsmith, who wrote "Here lies our good Edmund, whose genius was such/we scarcely can praise it or hlame it too much." As the bicentenary approaches, pos-terity has been trying to prove Goldsmith wrong. Last year came Conor Cruise O'Brien's gigantic book *The Great Melody*. which endeavoured to show that

Burke had oever seriously contradicted himself and that all the apparent twists, from support of the American Revolution to violent coodemnation of the French, were all based

on a passion for liberty. On Tuesday night, in front of the Burke Society, Livingstone and Pearce had a good bash at proving that Goldsmith was wrong about hlaming Burke, as well as about praising him. He was, said Pearce. "a towering snob, who wrote that the 'the occupation of a hairdresser or of a working tallow chandler cannot he a matter of honour for any person' and that 'the very idea of the fabrication of a new government must till us with horror.

Pearce now lives in Burke's old Buckinghamshire constituency of Wendover, where, he said, 58,000 people had voted at the last election even if their MP was still a Tory. "It was never the belief or hope of Edmund Burke that this should he allowed ... In Edmund Burke's time there were 19 people who voted in the constituency, in public, under the eye of the Duke of Grafton, who owned it. What we have is better than what he had and has been achieved by radicalism."

As one voice from the audience pointed out. though, Burke did not really hate all revolutions, only those less than 100 years old.

The Conservative side was less than cager to examine the question of whether Burke would have approved of universal suffrage and equality for women, though Moore assured us that "the extremities of democracy would have distressed him. Burke accepted the fact of change, and even the need for it. What he

hated was the passion for it.



Andrew Brown

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old

any society has a choice between wise gradual change in which wise minds conduct the ship of state and bloody carnage when people like me come to power ... You get revolutions when there is no chance of change. The more extreme the repression and reaction are, the more violent the change will be."
Livingstone knows all about

oppressive regimes: he shares a party with Peter Mandelson, who borrifies even the conservative Burke Society. To laughter and applause, he said: "Mandelson tries to create a Labour Party of uniformly drilled nasty middle-class clones - the consequence of this could be something much more nasty."

Radicalism, he argued, is not something that can be eliminated from society. In West Germany in the Sixtles, the Social Democratic Party entered into a seemingly permanent coalition with the conservatives, which seemed to exclude the possibility of democratic change. That led, he said, to the Baader-Meinhof gang and a rise in neo-fascism. "If you don't get change you get people playing at revolution."

To find that the only serious political dehate came from a

Labour MP is an extraordinary testimony to how little the Conservative Party now matters. The nearest the evening came to

reflecting modern Conservative politics was when Moore tried to defend Burke against the charge of snobbery: "In talking about the spirit of a gentleman be is not making a class point. He is contrasting it with the dust and powder

of individuality."

But perhaps Conservative philosophers don't have systematic principles, only insights. Scruton claimed that Burke was a greater writer than thinker but that he had profoundly understood that institutions and customs can embody wisdom: "In certain areas, the excellent emerges only slowly over time. It is not pro-duced by a plan, a project, or a programme. "The institution contains wisdom even

though the individual heads that contain it do not ... Parliament is wise enough to contain even people like Ken Livingstone." This argument would have been even more impressive had he not been making it in Church House, home of the General Synod of the Church of England, an institution which manages to contain great quantities of wisdom and intelligence among its members without letting any of those

qualities contaminate its decision-making.

Yet the most moving testimony to Burke's persisting power to disturb came from the audience: a woman described lecturing on Burke in Rhodesia - as it then was - in the years between 1965 and 1967, when Ian Smith's

regime turned its face against peaceful change One of the listeoers in her class was always from the Security Police: "We could always spot him because he wrote so slowly ... When I reached Burke's saying that 'a state without the means of some change is without the means of its preservation the class fell silent. They To this Olympian view, Livingstone had a understood what bad been said. The policeman simple and passionate rejoinder. "I don't think asked me for the address of this man Burke."

Middle England's not worth listening to

by Polly Toynbee

church, no great emblem of state to enshrine our common values. Fissiparous, individualistic, what is there left as a totem of nationhood? Only the BBC now remains to bear this wretched role as a temple of national cul-ture. Within the BBC the heaviest burden of all is carried by Radio 4, as if it were indeed the Arc of the Covenant with the people. And what in the schedules of this Holy of Holies is untouchably sacred? Well, it seems to be The Archers and the Today programme: Linda Snell and John Humphrys, and that's

it, really.
Radio 4's controller, James Boyle, threatens to chuck ont the chintz on Radio 4, but be has been greeted like the Emperor Titus at the temple gates, about to cast the BBC into the dumbed-down diaspora. No, be is not actually going to touch The Archers or the Today programme - they are indeed sacrosanct. But be may murder 20 or even 30 other hallowed programmes the biggest shake-up ever.

The gnashing of false teeth was as predictable as the news pips. It is always the most bone-headed who shout loudest about "dumbing down": they should know. Take the Express denouncing the "tripe" the BBC puts out, warning (wrongly) that comedies, quizzes and celebrity chatshows will replace "beavyweight shows - or what pass for such at Broadcasting House." With lunatic nostalgia they recall the glory days of Two Way Family Favourites and Take It From Here: "Lord Reith will turn in his grave." The Sunday Times and The Times, pursuing their unwavering assaults on the BBC under Murdoch's approving eye, pitched in with stories of a cultural holocaust. They should look at themselves.

What are we talking about here? Why does Middle England's pulse start to race if anyone breathes the words "Radio 4" and "change" in the same sentence? What are these national values vested in Radio 4's hizarre hotch-potch of programmes, some very good, dreadful, mediocre? So far, we only know that change will come. Some programmes are for the mincer, others will be moved. On 24 July we shall see whether dumber dishes will take their place, or maybe a better, richer menu. Improvement would not be very difficult. But selling the new cuisine will be well-nigh

impossible. Bring back our Snoek! Why, Oh Why...? We can write the Feedback letters of democratic duty?

Now this will be the best test

The loudest threats come from Parliameot, because lesterday in Parliament will almost certainly go - a tombstone in the schedule that has the listeners turning off with an almost vertical drop on the graph. Yet the Speaker herself has promised to intervene. Concern, she said, was "shared by millions of people outside and I certainly share it myself". What millions, Madam Speaker, and why aren't they listening? Boyle has done his research meticulously - and they turn off in droves for YIP. After all the newsworthy debates make it on to the news without a protected slot. As for the rest of the day's business, even MPs can't he bothered to listen to one another (it takes TV to show us the deserted green heaches on important debates), so why should the rest

Standing up to God is almost as

difficult as standing up to Par-liament - but that will he

another good test of Boyle's rud-icalism. Start the Bieck and Moral

Maze appear to be due for the removal van. The plunge after

nine o'clock leaves them not much of a leg to stand on -although I like them both very

much. As for Midweck. Libby

Purves's cosy encounters with

nude trapeze artists, dumh or

what? So is the lascinatingly frightful Archers - horrible char-

acters doing nothing much - but who would dare shuffle off

The schedule is littered with

colourless specialist niches -

ence Now, all that God. gar-

dening and nature study ("Sssh.

isn't that a Greater Crested

Snock, Mike?"). Taking a scythe

to these middling fillers would

hardly he the sack of Rome.

Boyle's research suggests spe-

cialist audiences do not specially

Shula's mortal coil?

of the BBC's resolve - can they for once resist the vanity of politicians? Good at resisting political pressure these days, they are hopeless at dealing with political vainglory. All in all, the BBC puts out unwarranted acres of politicians talking for fear of political retribu-tion at licence-fee time. Politicians fight to be on at 8.10am, fondly imagining it to he the hol spot, hut Boyle's research shows it has become the turn-off-in-droves slot. politicians do appear then?)

What goes out in the prime 7.50am slot? Daftly, Thought for the Day, when the figures dip right down as people like me reach for the off button, turning on again at 8am for the news. Will Boyle dare drop God? Or relegate her to a snooze-button slot along with Farming Today?

them off. We all have our own tastes. Vociferous R4 listeners will take to the streets - or at least to their Basildon Bond notelets - in their thousands when the new schedule is unnounced. But never mind them. The many more millions who leave R4 for music channels every day, returning only for The Archers and the news programmes are the prize Boyle has his eye on. No reason to think they are dumh or young. The average R4 listener is 55, not a problem since it has stayed much the same for the past 10 years. Idiots and youth are not the target audience, so Boyle the Destroyer may turn out to be Boyle the Better. He wants more fine radio writing, thoughts and ideas instead of shallow Punch and Judy mirck controversy on tired issues. (Soapbox is currently the worst.)

seek out their niche pro-

grammes, while others turn

Why does R4 stir the cricket stumps of Old England? Because in their dreams R4 means seed cake and Darjeeling, warm beer and spinsters on bikes, when policemen were old, pews were full and India was ours. Betjeman's England yearning for Kipling's "If" and Jerusalem. Oh bring back all our vesterdays! [And Mrs Dule's Diary 100.)

Of course R4 is no such thing. It is a spotted dick of a channel - a fair dollop of stodge studded randomly with many rich currants - invidious to pick particular favourites but I shall: Poetry Please, Analysis, A Good Read, Barchester, Sorry I Haven's a Clue, new plays, From Our Own Correspondent and, well, add in any others of your own. Will Boyle spoon out the dulf and add more fruit?

Conservatives, hy their nature, presume all change is always for the worse. Sometimes they have a point - for dumhing-down in the media is not imaginary. As we grow more affluent, educated and discriminating, the supermar-kets, services, clothes designers and home furnishers all strive upwards in taste, quality and sophistication. So why does the media tend to head the other way? Why should cutthroat competition for viewers. listeners and readers so often cause a plunge for the lowest common denominator? Radio 4 can afford to swim against that trend and see whether better can also mean more listeners. As they used to say in the BBC's good old days, only time will tell - but change looks to me more like a promise than a threat.



From the Relentiess can attack the turo it comes into play on your side:

Eron the relentlessly mystifying

ibliophilia is a terrible affliction. The rage to pussess more and more books is a curse that hasn't yet called down the wrath of the Labour government, but it's surely time some benevolent authority took a stand. As with alcoholism, it's a gradual addiction that at least the bottles don't lark around the house for years). Ordinary people just have a few books in their hedroom. Serious-minded bourgeois will put up shelves to accommodate the books they owned as students, supplemented by a cream-and-rust selection of Everyman Classics that were on the Peter Jones wedding list, plus some nods to a few interesting bestsetters – Wild Swans, Money. Birdsong, A Brief History of Time, Captain Corelli's Mandolin, The River Cafe Cookbook and call the resulting mishmash a library. True bibliophiles, however, are driven by voices in their heads that tell them: "Buy this minor work by Thomas Love Peacock, or that ninth edition of essays by Desmond McCarthy, or the eighth volume of Henry Williamson's Clumnick of Ancient Studiett hecause you may never have another chance." - even though they may have no opinion whatever about any of these works or their authors. I think it was Alberto Manguel who said bibliophilia fell into three stages: 1) you buy books because you want to read them: 2) you then huy books, for inscrutable reasons, that you hope one day to get round to reading: 3) you find yourself

'Magic: the Gathering' has taken over people's brains ... my impulse is to dig up Tolkien and throw rocks at his moribund form

john walsh

travelling to Swindon on a rainy Saturday to buy, at ruinous expense, a volume of Schiller printed in high Germanic script that you couldn't read even if you wanted to.

It's madness. Books overflow your living room, silt up vour hallway, laze around like bored students on your severely minimalist furniture, attract dust, mildew, death-watch beetle and foxing, lurk under your bed like resentful ex-pets, glare accusingly at you for not having read them yet (the dykeish party on the cover of Huxley's Point Counter Point is a particularly sneery example). Books may furnish a room, but they make a shocking mess

And they generate family tensions.

Spouses of bibliophiles dread the arrival of that tell-tale creased sbopping bag that hetokens another crop of musty Ruperi Brookes and Anthony Powells to gum up the place. But you can fight back. An illustration of one family's stand against hibliomania turns up this Saturday on BBC2, in Labour's Old Romantic, a portrait of Michael Foot by the prolific documentary maker Michael Cockerell,

Foot's father, Isaac, the liberal MP, was, it seems, bonkers about books - if one of his many children left home, the evacuated room would, by nightfall, he crammed from floor to ceiling with the things. His collection of 100,000 volumes was the higgest private library in Britain. Eventually he had to smuggle new acquisitions past his despairing wife. Was the famously bookish Michael (asks Cockerell) similarly addicted? "No," says Foot, "I'm much more controlled. Compared to my father, I'm absicmiousness itself". Oh

yeah? Cockerell cuts to Michael's nephew, Paul, for corroboration. Michael bas obviously inherited the obsession," confides the great polemicist. "He has the same trouble getting books into the house past Jill (Craigie, Mrs

Foot] that his father had with his mother. Jill tells bim, 'You cannot hring any more books into this bouse'. Then she rings me up and we have secret meetings. She says, 'Come round at such a time, and I'll give you the Thackerays'. So I've got all Michael's

Thackerays on my shelves..." I foresee war in the socialist dynasty when Footie Snr finds out.

spent the weekend up to my armoits in the mana pool. If I never hear another word about Eron the Relentless and the Ghazban Ogre, it'll be too soon. If the Kjeldoran Knights and the Fyndhorn Elves, with their nasty little pointy chins, all suddenly decided to stop fighting the evil necromancer Lim-Dul, depart from the land of Dominaria and go and live in Croydon, I would scarce forbear to cheer ... You've no idea what I'm talking about? Why then you must be one of the benighted people who bave not fallen

under the spell of "Magic: the Gathering", a globally-connected card game that bas swamped the games world and (via the internet) taken over people's brains. I had a couple of Irish friends staying on Saturday and Sunday, and saw hardly a trace of them because they were taking part in a nationwide Magic tournament somewhere in Docklands. They had no address to go to, beyond being told to head for a Tube stop in Canning Town and find their way by, presumably, mystical means. They played all day and the next, against 480 fellow-fanatics, for the chance to take on the Uber-Magic players in Chicago. and win £30,000. The game comes from Seanle (it would). It involves 2,000 cards,

which you huy for anything from £7 to £195.

Playing involves a lot of spells, land acquisitions, summoning forces to your aid, damaging people and counting the cost of your own wounds. I have even got the Magic Official Encyclopaedia now (published by Carlton, £14.99, if you're short of a life) and still can't make bead or tail of it all. My main impulse is to go and dig up JRR Tolkien, who's responsible for starting all this elvish bollocks, and throw Middle-Earth-style rocks at his moribund form.

Tohn Major is apparently thinking of

moving to Kennington, to live near his beloved Oval cricket ground. I cannot fathom why former party leaders should be so keen to relocate to my unfashionable bit of south-east London (James Callaghan to Hanover Gdns SE11, Mrs Thatcher to Dulwich, if only for about two weeks), but I extend a not-inconsiderably warm welcome to the grounded ex-premier. He'll be returning to an area be used to know well, baving been raised, bred and, ahem, introduced to manhood on the Brixton-Camberwell axis; but be'll find things a little different. Kennington today is a more lively, cosmopolitan place, full of unusual contrasts. Let me list a few things Mr Major should know. The trendiest couple in the area are Patrick McGrath, the brilliant showman of modern Gothic fiction, and his wife Maria Aitken, sister of the temporarilydiscomfited perjurer. Where, 10 years ago, you'd have been lucky to get more than a Tobagan chicken roti around bere, the Kennington end of Brixton Road is now crammed with restaurants - eight of them in half a mile, and the nearest one to the Oval is Eritrean. The coolest magazine to be seen with is New Nation, a style journal for the black community, run from a Kennington basement by Rupert Murdoch's feisty daughter Elisabeth. The nastlest estate is the Tanswell estate, where a 12-year-old used to lead a gang of bank-counter-hopping teenage desperadoes. The best coign of vantage from which to watch drive-by shootings is probably Vauxhall Street. Kennington estate agents are trying to persuade people that the most hip place to live is Metro Central, a block of Bakelite apartments on the Elephant & Castle roundabout; Mr Major must resist the temptation, unless he's keen on traffic fumes and shocking-pink advert hoardings. The local Triad gong is called the Blue Lantern (it's frankly social death to get this kind of detail wrong). And the most interesting hit of social history to air at dinner parties, John, is that the Imperial War Museum, on Kennington Lane, is built on the site of what used to be Bethlehem Hospital. As in Bedlam. I hope this is some help.



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Drinks giants spurn Arnault's merger plan

LVMH's proposal

Current stucture

Proposed stucture

Andrew Yates

Grand Metropolitan and Guinness are determined to forge ahead with their £23bn merger despite protests by LVMH, the French luxury goods group which is the largest sharehold-er in both the UK drinks

groups.
GrandMet and Guinness are set tu reject proposals by Bernard Arnault, LVMH's chairman, to merge its champagne and cugnac subsidiary, Moet Hennessy, with IDV and United Distillers, the spirits husinesses of GrandMet and Guinness respectively. They will terminate talks with Mr Arnault unless he is willing to put forward other proposals.

This three-way merger does not give us value fur our share-holders. We do nut need a deal. We have our deal and it is up to LVMH to provide an alternative which provides greater value for our shareholders. We are not merging for the sake of empite huilding. We are doing it for the good of our shareholders," a GrandMet spokes-

man said yesterday. LVMH, however, is determined to push for a three-way merger and plans to lobby GrandMet and Guinness' other shareholders for support to block a straight merger be-tween the UK food and drinks

groups,
"Shareholders in Grand Met and Guinness should be insulted that they have not given this proposal more consideration us il clearly gives more shareholder value. It doesn't take much to realise we can get extra cost savings out of this," an LVMH spokesman said. In a letter sent yesterday to

Guinness respectively, Mr Arnault outlined plans to create a joint spirits business which analysts believe could be worth up

Mr Arnault wants a 35 per cent share in the combined business in exchange for LVMH's 66 per cent share in Moët Hennessy and its share-holdings in GrandMet and Guinness of 6.4 per cent and 14.2 per cent respectively. Un-

George Bull and Tony Green-er, chairman of GrandMet and group would be floated on the London and Paris stock exchanges. GrandMet and Guinness would then demerge their food and brewing interests, which include Burger King and

Guinness Brewers. A three-way spirits merger would bring cost savings of around £60m, over and above the £175m Guinness and GrandMet have estimated they would save from a merger. However most analysts be-

Mr Arnault's calls for a 35 per cent stake are too much. There is not much extra value to be had in demerging the Grand-Met and Guinness businesses. And a deal giving a 35 per cent control of a merged spirits business would destroy shareholder value, outweighing any extra cost savings," said Mark Pulcikis, drinks analyst at Mer-

rill Lynch "Arnauli is injecting assets worth around £2.4bn into a three-way merger, which represents just 10 times the earnings be will receive. He is paying about two-thirds of what he should be paying for this stake," said Robert Cumming, UBS

lieve Mr Arnault's demands are too high.
"We are back to square one.

drinks analyst.
LVMH has hinted that it was willing to accept a lower stake in the combined spirits business and believes this was likely to be the first stage in protracted

But Guinness and GrandMet are unwilling to consider a break up. Indeed GrandMet considered a demerger last year but ruled it out on the grounds that there was too little shareholder value to be gained.

The three-way spirits merg-er was first outlined in a crunch meeting between the three parties in Paris several weeks ago and Guinness and GrandMet believe the formal proposals of-fer nothing new. "We have looked at these proposals and there has been no Damascan Conversion. We are nowhere near an agreement," a Grand-Met spokesman said yesterday. LVMH bas also outlined an

alternative deal to swap its 66

Bernard Amault: Plans to lobby Guinness and GrandMet shareholders

cognac business for Guinness' 34 per cent stake in the Moet champagne operation in a meeting in Mr Arnault's private jet at RAF Northolt in Middlesex last week. However GrandMet and Guinness have also moved to reject this deal. But the battle is far from over.

Mr Amault will not give up without a fight, and the flam-Mr Arnault's aggressive tacper cent stake in the Hennessy boyant French entrepreneur is

the late 1980s after a bitter boardroom coup, and his business dealings show a streak of shrewd and ruthless negotiator that should never be underestimated. I certainly would not trust him," said one analyst.

no stranger to controversy. He ties have rocked the normally only won control of LVMH in staid French corporate world. never more so than his recent attempt to take over wine pro-ducer Château d'Yquem, where ruthlessness and a desire not to he had teamed up with the dissettle for second best. "He is a enchanted members of the Lur Saluce family to force through a deal. GrandMet and Guinness may still have a fight on their

Good economic news sends shares higher

Diane Coyle

A favourable batch of economic statistics, showing unemployment falling to a seven-year low, carnings growth slowing slightly and government borrowing on course to hit the Budget target, sent the FTSE 100 index of share prices within a whisker of the 5,000 level yesterday. It ended 65 points higher at 4,964.2.

Across the Atlantic, equally good figures indicating steady growth and low inflation sent the Dow Jones Industrials index above its next psychological barrier of 8,000 in early trading. Share prices in London were

beested by the underlying news on the economy, with some City analysts encouraged by the din in carnings growth to hope that the Bank of England would

There were few clues in the first set of minutes from the new Monetary Policy Committee. published yesterday. "But next month's decision is more finely balanced than the last three, said Geoffrey Dicks at NatWest Markets.

Most analysts still expect interest rates to rise again, however. Adam Cole at James Capel said the committee seemed to have put less weight on the strong pound than on the

rapid pace of growth in services. "The jobs market has become more flexible, but unemployment is falling enough to

pose a significant threat to the Government's inflation target." The headline unemployment claimant count declined by 36,500 last month to 1.6 million. its lowest level since April 1990.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said the figures were no longer so distorted by the introduction of the Joh Seekers Allowance, and the underlying decline in the claimant count was 25,000-30,000 a month.

The latest quarterly Labour Force Survey, widely used as a better indicator of jobs market trends, showed a 74,000 drop in unemployment in March to May. Although smaller than the fall in the claimant count during those months, it confirmed

the general trend.
"It suggests that around 200,000 fraudulent claimants could have been knocked off the register in the last year," said Simon Briscoe at Nikko Europe.

Despite the continuing fall in

unemployment, underlying

nual increase was 4.25 per cent compared with 4.5 per cent in the preceding three months.

Most economists took comfort from this decline, which was mainly due to this year's bonuses in financial services fading out of the figure. However, Claran Barrat Deutsche Morgan Greufell said: "Do not be fooled by the temporary drop in carnings growth. Many sectors are already

reporting skills shortages." Inflation pessimists also noted that the number of unfilled vacancies at JobCentres stood at a record, climbing by

8,100 to 282,400 in June. Other figures indicated that total employment has continued to rise, with manufacturing employment "stable", according to the ONS. The number of jobs in manufacturing fell by 1,000

not feel compelled to raise in-terest rates again next month. The unemployment rate fell to average earnings growth dipped in May after a 12,000 rise the unexpectedly in May. The an-previous month. Total employment climbed by 91,000 in the

March to May quarter. "A speedy bounce-back in earnings is likely," said Richard Rey at Hoare Govett.

Separately, the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) was £4.8bn last month, £1bn higher than the same month last financial year. The gap between government spending and revenues in the first three months of 1997/98 was £8.5bu.

This is lower than at the same stage last year, but some City experts said the Government would be pushed to bring borrowing in on its £10.9bn target this year.

Others blamed special factors old-style meetings. for the slightly disappointing fig-ures so far. The timing of both VAT receipts and of interest payments on gilts has changed.

No dissent at the first monetary meeting

The minutes of the first meeting of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee, published yesterday, were a disappointment for those who boped for drama in its discussion, writes Diane Coyle.

The minutes of the June. meeting record that the six voting members who were present - out of an eventual total of nine - were ananimous in agreeing that a modest rise in interest rates was needed. This was a contrast to the disagreements that had become the norm between the Governor of the Bank of England and Chancellor Kenneth Clarke in the

The discussion started out by noting the dilemma for interest rate policy posed by strong growth on the one hand and the

strong pound on the other. During the month before the monetary meeting on 5-6 June domestic demand growth had picked up and the pound had

climbed further.
Weighing up the prospects for higher demand against the likely impact of the pound on exports, the committee conchided that the economy was likely to continue growing at a pace above its sustainable

"There was a need for tighter monetary policy in order to hit the inflation target two years or so ahead." There was a discussion of

tactics: would a delay in raising rates help limit the impact on the currency? The con thought not, and decided to act

Medeva shares dive on obesity drug fears

Sameena Ahmad

Health fears over Medeva's new anti-obesity drug, Ionamin, coupled with a warning about fullyear profits, drove the share price in the UK's fourth biggest drug group down by 13 per cent to

222p yesterday.

Dr Bill Bogic, chief executive, said sales of lonamin had collapsed to £7m in the first six months of this year from £21m in the second half of 1996, and would be unlikely to recover in the short term after a warning from the US drug regulator fast week linking anti-obesity pills with heart failure.

Analysis were surprised by the news on lunamin and cut fullyear forecasts for group profits from £120m-£132m to £110m-

£115m. First-half sales of Ionamin, which was bought from Rhône Poulenc last year and has been sold in the US since 1959, were affected by destocking and competition.

James Culverwell, an analyst at Merrill Lynch, said: "Medeva had always said that Ionamin would be a wild card, but no one thought it would be this had." Analysts were also concerned about Ionamin's prospects, given that Roche's Xenical anni-fat pill a safer breed of drug, could be launched shortly.

However, Dr Bogie said he still expected growth from lonamin. "It's not like we've bought a dead duck. The obesity market is growing."

He warned that second balf profits also depended on emerg-ing competition for Methylphenidate, the group's leading drug for hyperactivity, which grew sales by 6 per cent to £54m in the half year

Medeva has more than 70 per cent of the US market for this quota-controlled and licensed drug. However, three other generic companies, Johnson Malthey, Mallinckrodt and Ganes, have obtained licences. The first new generic drug is expected to enter the market by Christmas. Dr Bogic said although sales were likely to slip by around 15 per cent next year, the quota system would prevent a rush of lower-priced generics into the market.

Dr Bogie was upbeat over other products. "People should see that we are following our strategy. I am not worried about our share price. Glaxo made a remarkable turnaround after fears over Zantac."

However analysts were sceptical Kevin Scotcher at NatWest said: "The great hope of replacing Methylphenidate with lonamin has gone. And whether Medeva had good follow-up drugs is unclear.

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MCI told to delay plans as BT shareholders protest

INTEREST RATES

Bond Yields

Michael Harrison

British Telecom has told MCI to put its expansion plans on hold amid growing signs that the \$20bn (£12bn) merger between the two will be renegotiated after being savaged by BT shareholders at vesterday's annual meeting. The message will be carried to Washington when a team of top BT executives, led by the chief executive, Sir Peter Bonfield, flies out to review the merger following MCI's shock \$800m profits warning last week.

Sir lain Vallance, the BT chairman, told the meeting that its relationship with MCl remained "strategically important" but he conspicuously failed to endorse it un the

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of no return. The profit warning wiped £2.35bn off BT's market capitalisation and could rob Concert, the name of the merged group, of earnings growth for the next three years. Both BT and MCl executives

ruled out immediate resignations of senior executives following MCI's warning that its attempts to enter the US domestic market would mean losses of \$800m this year and \$1hn next year. Asked whether heads would roll, Bert Roberts, chairman of MCI, said: "Not only is there no case for that but nobody in BT ur MCI has ever

suggested it. Mr Roberts added that the merger was as "strategically valid" today as ever but signif-

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whether he expected the terms to remain unchanged. Earlier this week MCI said it expected the merger to proceed as cur-

reatly structured. The meeting in Edinburgh was attended by 930 shareholders, including a number of US arbitrageurs who had flown in especially. The arbs are fac-ing huge losses — estimated at up to £1ba - if the merger collapses after betting on the spread between the price of BT and MCI shares.

A succession of angry shareholders attacked the merger as a US "amhush" and a "sting", claiming that BT had become vet another British company to be "suckered" by the Americans. Commenting on the profits warning, which cuts the

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shareholder asked: "Is this an attempt to sting BT or is it management inefficiency on both sides?

Another shareholder said Sir Iain would be known as the English muffin in Washington hecause the Americans were going to eat him for hreakfast. Sir Iain, who hails from Edinburgh, said he regarded himself more as a "Scottish thistle". Asked repeatedly whether BT would now renegotiate the deal or pull out. Sir Iain stonewalled. Earlier he told shareholders that revising the terms of the deal would be a "second order" question addressed only after the BT/MCI review team had thoroughly examined MCI's there was plans for the US market. The resignation.

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present terms, saying that BT icantly he would not say value of MCI by more than \$3bu review will be led for BT by Sir had not yet reached the point whether he expected the terms according to some analysts, one Peter Bonfield and Robert Peter Bonfield and Robert Brace, finance director, and by MCI's chief executive. Gerald Taylor, and its finance director, Douglas Maine, one of the two MCI executives whose jobs

were said to be on the line. One shareholder, Jon Meyer of Midlothian, asked whether Sir Peter should resign for allowing "a British giant to be suckered by the Americans". He contrasted the way Sir Peter had been introduced to last year's annual meeting as the complete businessman with his failure to spot the looming crisis at MCL even though he was a director of the company. Bot Sir lain leapt to his chief executive's defence, saying there was no question of

The meeting also heard an attack by the investor watchdog group, Pirc, on the bonus schemes Sir Peter and other Concert directors will be eligible for should the merger proceed. Strart Bell, a director of Pirc, urged shareholders to vote against the schemes, which could not Sir Peter a £2m-£3m bonus, saying they were exces-sive. unnecessary and too

heavily weighted in favour of US

remuneration practices.

Mr Bell received the backing of a significant minority at the meeting and succeeded in obtaining a poll of all share-holders. There was also a minor revolt against the election of MCI's Mr Roberts and Mr Taylor as directors, although both appointments were approved uverwhelmingly on a poll.

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BZW chief to head Eagle Star

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

BZW's chief operating officer. Patrick O Sullivan, is quitting the investment bank to head up Eagle Star, the general insur-ance division of BAT. The unexpected move comes only nine months after he was appointed as the operational right hand man of Bill Harrison, BZW's chief executive.

The appointment of Mr O'Sullivan reignited speculation that BAT is seriously considering a demerger of its financial services activities, which include Allied Dunbar and Threadneedle Asset Management, from its litigation-prone tobacco core.

Sandy Leitch, chief executive of British American Financial Services (BAFS), denied any connection between the move to strengthen Eagle Star's management and any demerger

"If you intend to be the best, you have to recruit the best and that's exactly what we've done," he said,

Mr Leitch added: "I am absolutely delighted to bave recruited such an outstanding individual as Patrick to this key position.

"The appointment reinforces our commitment to develop the whole of BAFS into the UK's leading insurance and asset management group."

Mr O'Sullivan's departure is

fered several high-profile de-

partures in the run up to its move this year to new offices at Canary Wharf in London's

Like Nat West Markets; BZW is working hard to justify its position to shareholders in Barelays, its parent, who are growing increasingly impatient with the low returns from investment banking. Prior to working for BZW, Mr



Patrick O'Sullivan: Move rekindles talk of demerger

O'Sullivan gained experience of the insurance business as general manager of GE's Financial Guaranty Insurance Company. He is expected to take up his new job in September.

The possibility of a demerger of BAT's insurance and asset management businesses gained credibility in April when Lord Cairns, chairman, said there were "no sacred cows" and a blow to BZW, which has sufdeclared an open mind on splitting the group up.

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Proposals are hard for Guinness to swallow

Come off it. Mr Arnault, You are going to have to do rather better than that. Industrial and commercial logic certainly seems to be on the Frenchman's side in his battle to rework the Guinness/Grand Metropolitan merger, but that's not going to make his pro-posals any more palatable to City investors. It is hard to disagree with Guinness's initial reaction - these proposals would represent a substantial transfer of value to LVMH, giving Mr Amault control of the new drinks company without having to pay any kind of a pre-

Here's why. It is possible to argue until the arms come home about the basis for Mr Arnault's claim that he would be entitled to 35 per cent of the drinks company created by his proposals. However, the bottom line is he ends up with srewardship of the most valuable and exciting part of the action and completely out of the lower value, demerged businesses of fast food, processed food and hrewing.

Furthermore, the new drinks company where he concentrates his value is the part where all the resulting cost cuts of the Guinness/Grand Mei merger are derived. So he gets a disproportionate share of the cost cutting upside of the merger as well.

Clearly this is all very much in Mr Arnault's interests, but it is far from clear that it is in Amault's "merger and four way demerger" already proposing. For a start it would be directors have got riding on their own merger

exceptionally costly. As far as can be seen, LVMH hasn't even begun to consider the tax mplications.

In any case, the recent history of demergers is that they do not in themselves create value for shareholders. The new drinks company would plainly be a better business if it included Moet Hennessy, but the extra cost cutting potential over and above that already proposed is not great. Nor would the company necessarily derive any industrial benefits not already catered for in joint ventures and

through cooperation. For all these reasons, Mr Arnault is unlikely to get much of a hearing from Guinness and Grand Met shareholders. This would be the case even if he were to reduce his demands to a rather more realistic level - say just 30 per cent of the new drinks company. Though that would certainly be a more tempting proposi-tion, it would still represent control, for which normally an outside party would be expected to pay a very sizeable premium. The ossibility of becoming subservient to Mr Arnault's wider commercial priorities and interests would ensure that in Anglo-Saxon markets the shares would trade at a discount.

Harder to see is how this standoff is going o resolve itself. Mr Arnault is a fighter and he is not going to give up. If his proposals are anybody else's. Nor is it obvious that Mr | a non starter, it is by no means proven that the original Grand Met/Gumness merger plan plan would create any extra value over and is such a great idea either. We don't vet know above what Guinness and Grand Met are what bonuses Guinness and Grand Met

proposal going through. That little gem will have to await publication of their circular to shareholders. But it is a fair bet they are substantial. A long hot summer is in prospect in this battle of self interest.

Lights are flashing amber for markets

These are either nerve-wracking or excit ing times in the financial markets, de ending on your point of view. With the FTSE 100 a breath away from 5,000 and the Dow actually touching \$.000 yesterday the bulls are being sorted from the bears as oever before. Either you believe that both the Anglo-Sax on economies have undergone fundamental improvements that promise at least another year of non-inflationary, above-trend growth. Or you think that Wall Street and London, like the pound and dollar, are chronically overvalued, with a sharp correction just a matter

So far the parallels with the late 1980s seem stronger than the prospects for economic nirvana. All over the place the lights are flashing amber. Buoyant consumer confidence fuelled by faster growth in after-tax and after inflation income; financial deregula-tion - this time, the building society flotations; soaring asset prices and rapid monetary growth: a strong currency; big falls in unemployment and reports of skill shortages, even

the better, meaning unemployment can fall further without triggering inflation. But one month's slightly better than expected figures for earnings growth does not mean the laws of economics have been entirely suspended.
There are special factors driving the FTSE 100 higher at the moment, notably the fact that

building society flotations have made institu-tional investors underweight in financials. That and the fact that overseas stock markets keep rising too. When the market finally runs out of special factors, we will still get the ultimate parallel with the late 1980s · a hig stockmar-

Opportunism at **British Borneo**

Ti is perhaps unfair to make comparison be-Itween the biotech and oil exploration sec-tors. One traditionally makes losses from alchemy and the other from holes in the ground. But both tend to ride the wave of stockmarket fashion. While the market may have a downer on biotech companies just now, the same is plainly not true of the oil explorers. as yesterday's mammoth £167m cash raising by British Borneo Petroleum showed.

This highly profitable company, chaired by the indomitable Sir Bob Reid of British Rail fame, has demonstrated a foresight that seems to have been lacking in some of its big-

Since the 1980s, the underlying structure of the economy has almost certainly changed for the economy has almost certainly changed for to be spent on the Morpeth oil and gas field there should help British Borneo raise production from around 12,000 barrels of oil a day to perhaps 90,000 by the year 2000. That would put it well on the way to joining the ranks of substantial second-liners like Lasmo and Enterprise, where production tops 200,000 barrels a day.

However, apart from this and a projected \$55m to \$60m spend on the newly-acquired half share in the Kong Kong field, also in the Gulf, Borneo is remarkably unspecific about where it will spend the rest of the money it is raising from shareholders. The latest rights issue brings to £221m the amount the compuny has raised from shareholders over the last 18 months or around a quarter of the company's pre-rights market capitalisation of

All the company is offering is a general tatement that it will spend £500m over four years. It is hard to avoid the conclusion that British Borneo is just cashing in on a share price which had climbed from around 200p o £14 since the beginning of last year. Directors have not been immune from a bit of opportunism before, given that two of them netted £3.3m from option sales earlier this

They should bear in mind, however, the fate of British Biotech after its equally opportunistic £143m jumbo rights flopped almost exactly a year ago, since when the shares have

British Borneo launches £167m rights as shares soar

Magnus Grimond

British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate yesterday launched a £167m rights issue on the back uf its ballooning share price, which has multiplied more than five times over the past 18 months.

Shares in the oil group, which were around 810p at the start of the year, dipped 50p to £13.02 yesterday, However, they remain above the terms of the fully underwritten two-for- ration setback earlier this year nine rights, which are priced at L12 a share.

The new money will arrive some 18 months after British Borneo raised £54m in a rights call at just 310p in early 1996.

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exploration and development programme, principally in the North Sea and the deeper waters of the Gulf of Mexico. where it also announced vesterday a deal to buy a half share in the King Kong gas field from Conoco.

No price was disclosed for the transaction, which involves blocks 472, 473 and 517 in the Green Canyon area, where British Borneo had an explowhen it announced that oil deposits there were too heavy to produce commercially.

. Alan Gaynor, chief executive. said: "The ambition to grow in the deep water is very large. We

It will be used to back a £500m feel we have a 10-year growth field, acquired from Shell in late opportunity there."

At a meeting with analysts yesterday, the company put an estimate of £20 a share on its assets, more than double the 800p to 900p ascribed to them in the City.

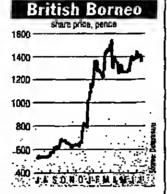
While remaining highly supportive of the management. many analysts remained sceptical about the timing of the latest eash raising. One said: You would have to be a fool not to believe it was opportunistic. Certainly it is a very heavy rights issue at a very demanding price."
Principal among British

Borneo's development projects is the Morpeth oil and gas

1995. It is to be developed using the incovative SeaStar mini-tension leg platform, which allows relatively small fields to be developed commercially. The overall cost of the development is out at \$217m

(£129m), with first oil and gas due in the autumn of next year, The group said total capital expenditure this year was likely to be in the region of £175m to £200m, with a further £300m up to the year 2000.

The group said it would explore and appraise existing assets in the Gulf, including Shell's Leo discovery and King Rong, where Shell has the option to become operator.



It also intends to acquire additional exploration acreage in water depths up to 4,000 feet. where it may deploy two deep water drilling rigs, Ocean Eodeavour and Atwood Hunter, over which it has contracts for one and three years respectively.

The company also announced plans for an effective three-for-one stock split and forecast full-year divideods of 8.25p, the same as in 1996.

Rebel tenants threaten Inntrepreneur sale

Andrew Yates

The sale of luntrepreneur, the controversial pub group jointly owned by Fosters and Grand Metropolitan, is under threat after more than 800 pub tenants refused to sign up to Retail Link, a new lease which commits them to buying beer from he group.

Most of the rebels, which represent about a third of the company's tenants, are thought to be determined to take legal actioo against Inntrepreceur over their existing leases, which analysts believe could cost the group up to £350m in damages. The move easts another shadow over GrandMet's proposed £23bo merger with Guinness.

that it could be forced to settle with many of the tenants in order to dispose of the business through a flotation, trade sale or management buyout, "We will have to find a solution to these problems," said Mike Foster, Inntrepreneur's chief executive, yesterday.

Inntrepreneur is considering chopping its sale price to take account of outstanding litigation or providing warranties to a purchaser to cover future legal liabilities. But it may have to break the group up and only sell those pubs which accept the oew deal.

Julian Maitlaod-Walker, who runs Somerset-based solicitors Mailland Walker and represents more than 200 inntre-

10ntrepreneur recognises preneur tenants, said yesterday: There is no guarantee Retail Link will continue to provide beer discounts after September 1998. It would not be in the interest of new owners to give a discount which would cost £40m a year so I have advised my clients to reject the deal."

The rebel tenants have battled with Inntrepreneur over the past eight years. They believe they have been forced to pay extortionate prices for their beer under existing 20-year leases. "Tied pubs had to pay 30 per cent more for their beer in same cases and they clearly got no benefits from being within Inotrepreneur. We will take legal action to recover these damages," said Mr Maitland-Walker.

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Pearson seeks buyer for medical

publishing arm

Cathy Newman

Mariorie Scardino. Pearson's chief executive, is to accelerate the pace of change at the media conglomerate by selling its medical publishing division.

The move could raise around £100m for Pearson, and would be the first disposal of a subsidiary since Ms Scardino's arrival at the beginning of the year. The mon-cy generated would be enough to cover the losses from the unauthorised discounting scandal at

The medical publishing divi-sion, part of Pearson Profes-sional consists of two companies Churchill Liviogstone and Churchill Communications and includes such publications as Gray's Anatomy. It is under-stood that Pearson has been canvassing various potential buyers. The company was available for comment vesterday.

Meg Geldens, media analyst at Merill Lynch, said likely suitors would include Mosby, Reed Elsevier, WB Saunders, and Wolters Kluwer. She esti-mated that Pearson's medical division generated around £50m in annual sales.

Ms Geldens added: "I think it's a significant disposal because it's a real gem that's been with Pearson for a loog time. However, it's probably too small

to make the City happy." Churchill Livingstone is the



Marjorie Scardino: Under pressure to reorganise

and specialises in books, journals, CD-Roms and conferences. It has operations in the US and the UK. Churchill Communications deals in medical communications for pharmaceutical companies, and operates in Japan, the US

Although some analysts expressed surprise that Pearson was contemplating the disposal of some of its core publishing in-UK's largest medical publisher, terests, others said it made

could not compete with giants such as Wolters Kluwer, which has hought six medical publish-

ers in the last year alone. Churchill Communications was also badly affected by the Kobe earthquake in February 1995, and ran up a £7m loss that year, which in turn reduced Pearson Professional's margin from 11.6

per cent to 6.5 per cent.
Since Ms Scardino joined,
Pearson has sold its 10 per cent interest in the Hong Kong tele-vision broadcaster, TVB, for £111m; its 49 per cent stake in Troll Communications, a Canadian bookselling club, for £55m; and more than two-thirds of its investment in Flextech for £24m.

Pearson has also announced its intention to sell residual stakes in BSkyB and SES, the Luxembourg-based Astra satel-lite owner. The group indicated earlier this year that it would put up for sale its 50 per cent stake in Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank, but this is likely to take much longer. It is thought that Pearson may also be con-templating selling its 5 per cent stake in the Spanish govern-ment's digital television vehicle.

Ms Scardino has come under pressure to reorganise the business since she arrived earlier this year. City disappointment that she has not revolutionised the group so far has depressed the share price over the past few

prices, already down 17 per cent on the year, have slumped a further 5 per cent or so to under £215 a tonne. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the company's own brokers, are now forecasting a £40m to £45m impact from **Setback for sale of Freemans** exchange rates in the current year, leav-

is for more of the same.

ing profits cut to a mere £62m.
There are glimmers of light. Volumes and prices have started to move up again on the Continent and Mr Williams believes few of his competitors are making money, which may prompt them to pull in their horns.

The 33 per ceot appreciation in the currency against the German mark over the past year has been a gift to Smith's

Hurting under the impact of de-

pressed markets at home, French and

particularly German paper compa-

nies have finally woken up to the fact that, since the end of 1995, British

prices have been anywhere between 25

and 100 per cent better than they en-

joy at home.

The result has been a flood of im-

ports, which have risen from 14 to close

to 19 per cent of the UK waste-based

paper market in a year, and a corre sponding collapse in profits at Smith. The pre-tax total crashed 23 per cent to £96m in the year to 3 May, despite

a mere 4.5 per cent slippage in sales.

Although packaging and office supplies account for around three-quarters of

the business, nearly all the problems were concentrated in the remaining pa-

per operations, which are the most ex-

profits from the European businesse

Peter Williams, Smith's chief exec-

utive, resolutely refuses to be too

gloomy, but he warns that two of the

more marginal of the group's 10 paper mills could be vulnerable to closure.

Certainly, the outlook in the short term

the pound averaging DM2.50. Since the

year end sterling has moved to over 3,

while waste-based corrugated board

The latest results were struck with

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posed to foreign competition.

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Worries over additional capacity due to come on-stream may also be overdone, while longer term the UK's belated decision to adopt the EU directive on recycled paper should boost

More significantly for investors, perhaps, some of Smith's directors have struggle to get exciting growth over the started buying shares again this year. next few years.

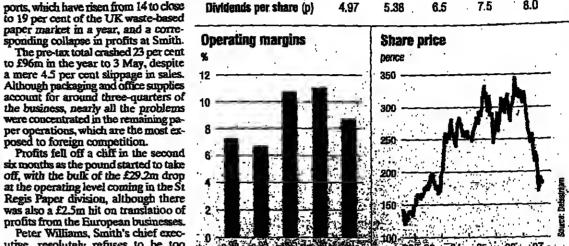
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Having paid is

European rivals muscle in on Smith Poor old David S Smith. If proof were needed of the havor that the strong pound is having on British

strong pound is having on British EDITED BY MAGNUS GRIMOND manufacturing industry, the recent travails of Britain's biggest converter of recycled paper should provide it.

David S Smith: At a glance Market value: £585m, share price 185p - 512p 1997 1996 Five-year record 1.18 99.7 125 96.0 Pre-tax profits (£m)



price of 185p, down 5.5p, is now close to net asset value and could attract takeover interest from more highly rated foreign groups. But only the brave will buy now ahead of a decisive turn in the value of the pound.

Medeva falls on profit warning

ntil now, Dr Bill Bogie's Messianic enthusiasm for Medeva's products has been endearing. That a drug company which specialises in treating hyperactive chil-dren should be led by a doctor who behaves as if he is oo speed has always led to wry smiles in some quarters. However, Medeva's profits warning yesterday and tumbling share price did little to alter Dr Bogie's mantra-like sermon on strategy and suggests a worryingly blinkered view by the chief executive. Whether Dr Bogie acknowledges it or not, Medeva may

Having paid £260m last June for US

94 95 96 97 finally looked like it could shake off its one-product company tag. At present, hyperactivity drug Methylphenidate contributes over a third of sales. However, one of the potential jewels from the Rochester acquisition lost its shine yesterday. Sales of Ionamin, the anti-obesity drug and Medeva's second-biggest product, collapsed from £21m in the second half of 1996 to £7m in the first six months to June. Part of the decline was a stocking issue, but new fears in the US that the drug causes

casting £42m for Ionamin this year. Therein lies a problem with Medeva's strategy of picking up small, mature drugs ignored by others. Having paid a premium to buy them, the buyer sometimes then discovers why no

leaky heart valves will mean flat

second-half sales. Analysts were fore-

one else bothered. Meanwhile, Methylphenidate's sales growth is slowing. By next year there could be three other generics in the US vying for Medeva's 70 per cent market share. As a quota-controlled drug, sales should not free-fall, but will slip by at least 10 to 15 per cent a year. Whether Medeva has enough drugs to drive it forward is unclear. The group reckons its hepatitis vaccine could be a block-

buster and promises clinical data in September. Ex-Ionamin, Rochester's sales rose 16 per coot, with Tussionex for coughs looking encouraging, but the new bladder cancer drug unlikely to be

significant. Nat West Securities has cut 1997 forecasts by £7m to £114m. Even on a lowly multiple of six times forward earnings, the shares, down 13 per cent at 222p, should be avoided for now.

Bulmer fights back against alcopops

the cider industry has been far from rosy over the past few years. Alcopops, those dreaded alcoholic soft drinks, have spread like wildfire. So too have a host of new, creamy, smooth beers, such as Caffrey's, which have wrenched market share from the cider makers. Throw in indifferent summer weather last year and fierce competition from supermarket own-label brands and it is hardly surprising that the cider mar-ket has declined by 3 per cent in the past

HP Bulmer, the UK's largest cider maker, has coped better than most, especially its oearest rival, Matthew Clark, which has had a torrid time. Bulmer's pre-tax profits for the year to April rose by 9 per ceot to £30m. But margins are on the wane and it will become increasingly difficult to grow profits at a deceot rate if the latest market slump turns into long-term decline.
So Bulmer has decided to spend its

ray out of trouble. In an attempt to lead the fight back against alcopops it is launching an £8m advertising blitz. It hopes that its marketing drive, along with Matthew Clark's commitmed to up its own speoding, will wean the allimportant 18 to 24-year-old market off beer and alcoholic lemonade and back to cider. It has also spent another £500,000 launching Strongbow Smooth, the cider industry's answer to Caffrey's.

Past history suggests Bulmer's radical plan will work. Eight years ago it risked everything by ramping up its marketing campaign in a desperate attempt to arrest what looked like a terminal decline in the cider market. The City was dubious, but since then the cider market has almost doubled and profits have flowed accordingly.

But Bulmer is still taking a big gamble and the jury is out on whether it will pay off this time. The extra investment will blow a hole in earnings. Analysts now predict that pre-tax profits will be flat this year. And the spectre of higher excise duty on cider, aimed at discouraging under-age drinking, could be just around the corner.

Bulmer may be the best company in the cider industry, but the shares, down 2.5p at 472.5p, on a p/e ratio of 13, look high enough.

"In order for the MMC to be

Sears, the struggling retail group, suffered a fresh setback vesterday when the Government agreed to extend the deadline for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the proposed sale of its

Nigel Cope

City Correspondent

Freemans home shopping division to Littlewoods. The Department of Trade and Industry said it bad agreed a two-month extension followthe issues raised by the merger. A Freemans-Littlewoods link-up would give the combined company more than 25 per cent of the UK mail order market.

able to analyse the evidence fully and to draw sound conclusions the reporting period should be extended to 22 September," the DTI said. The report had been due next Monday. The usual time-lag between MMC reports and a DTI decision means Sears is now unlikely to know the out-

MMC about the complexity of Sears shares fell 2.5p to 62.5p fidence on the outcome."

on the news as analysts pondered whether the DTI move might make it more likely for the £367.5m deal to be blocked. The decision will delay Sears' plans to pay £410m back to sharebolders later this year.

"It just shows with Sears that if something can go wrong, it will," said John Richards of NatWest Securities. A Sears spokeswoman said:

"We are disappointed we can't pay the money back to shareholders on the original timetable.

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- 1 tsp/5ml Sugar 2 tbsp/30ml Fish Sauce
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- 4 pieces Sliced squid Lime leaves (finely sliced)
- Shallot (finely chopped)
 1/2 Small onion (finely slivered)
 Sprig of coriander leaf (coarsely chopped) Lettuce, cucumber, parsley etc to garnish

1 Prepare a serving dish with lettuce, parsley and sliced cucumber and set aside.

2 Combine the lemon juice, chill powder, stock, sugar and fish sauce in a small pan. Bring to the boil, stirring all the time.

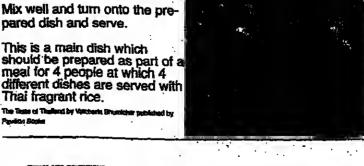
3. Add the fish balls, prawns, crab claws and squid, and stir and cook for 1 - 2 minutes until the raw fishes are cooked through.

4. Take off the heat and add all

the remaining ingredients. Mix well and turn onto the pre-

should be prepared as part of a meal for 4 people at which 4 different dishes are served with

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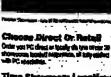
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MAM misses out as financials lead blue-chip surge

Mercury Asset Management is putting a surprising large slice missing the fun. As blue chips of its funds into cash. There is no doubt that many particular lead the stock mar-

the party.

Footsie climbed to yet another peak but MAMs fell 16.5p to 1,272.5p. The shares have found the going uncomfortable since peaking at 1,463.5p in May. The market is uneasy over the group's investment performance. The

most persistent story is it suffered a poor second quarter and in certain areas, is, in effect, bottom of the class.
It appears its mixed equity

fund managers have been ket higher, the City's most caught on the hop by the powerful fund manager appears to be the wallflower at rus of caution in the Merrill rus of caution in the Merrill Lynch survey could be an illust-

ration of their misjudgement.
MAMs, with around £70bn under management, has been the deciding influence in many big takeover battles. It ensured Granada won the fierce £3.9bn battle for control of the Forte catering and hotel empire. Whether MAMs and its in-

vestment supremo, the re-markable Carol Galley, have misjudged equities remains to be seen. The share perfornderperformed.



MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN stock market reporter of the year

1987 crash; the anniversary of

the great equities blood bath

underlining overseas buying.

are rising too quickly, too -Seaq volume topped 1 billion shares - the blue-chip index steeply prevails in many quar-ters. There is a tendency to draw comparisons with the

soared 64.9 points to 4,964.2. At one time it seemed intent on surging through the 5,000 barrier. In mid afternoon it was up 92.5 at 4,991.8. Then New York introduced a little caution into the pro-

ceedings. In the event it shrugged off early hesitancy and during London hours smashed through 8,000 points. Compared with New York and European markets Lonup at its securities arm, recov-

ered 21p to 874p.

The market still feels a big financial bid is being hatched. HSBC has at one time or another been linked with almost every financial in sight. Abbey National, currently bidding for Cater Allen, is another seen as

Cater Allen, is another seen as strongly acquisitive.

Drugs, a long-time invourite of US fund managers, enjoyed support. They continue to direct their attention towards the bigger players with Zeneca up 67p to 2,265p; only six months ago speculators were piling into the shares in the hope of a bid materialising at around 2,200p. is drawing uncomfortably near.
Although the FTSE 250 index jumped 36 points blue chips remained the attraction, materialising at around 2,200p.
ScottishPower had an eventful session, closing 20p higher

Bank, on the remoured shake- lifted Grand Metropolitan 15.5p to 621.5p and Guinness 14.5p to 620.5p.

Among supporting shares
British Biotech continued to
rally, up 15.5p to 183p but
Medera fell 34.5p to 222p with worries about lonamin, the recent subject of a "Dear Doctor" letter from the US Food

chain, rose 3p to 90.5p as Crédit Lyonnais Laing hung a buy sign over the shares and Northern Roods jumped 11.5p to 224.5p on SBC Warburg

A trading warning left Plas

Formal, a clothing group flying high at 68p at Christ-mas, fell 4.5p to a 19p low. By its own admission it is in a "perilous financial position" It is floating, through stockbroker Wise Speke, its ope

successful operation, Blake Menswear. Other chunks of the group are being sold and and Drug Administration.

Iceland, the frozen food chain, rose 3p to 90.5p as chain, rose 3p to solvent and business. City whizzkid Hugh Osmond is a

Shares of Somerfield, the to 224.5p on SBC warbing support.

Ti, the engineer, enjoyed a NatWest Securities recommendation, putting on 18.5p to 11p.

To 224.5p on SBC warbing supermarket group with figures today, should be sold, says Paul Smiddy of Credit Lyonnais Laing. He says shareholders are "like those to the says shareholders are "like those those the says shareholders are "like the says traince astronauts in Nasa's so called 'vomit comet' - en-He expects £103m today; £109m this year and then



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Welfare-to-work ignores women stuck at the bottom of the heap

body in the country who objects to the aims of Gordon Brown's welfare-towork schemes and, in reality, very few people who think the Chancellor should not have found extra mooey to spend on getting the unemployed into work. Labour's approach is actually remarkably similar to a range of schemes introduced by the Tories, except that the new Government is being much tougher than its predecessor about withdrawing benefit from "shirkers".

There is, however, a swelling chorus of criticism of the details of the New Deal for the unemployed. This strikes various notes, but the key worry was highlighted by the recent "Employment Outlook" from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. This annual bible for anybody who is interested in the jobs market points out the key prob-lem: that we do not know enough about the detailed functioning - and misfunctioning of the labour market to be able to design welfare-to-work policies with any real confidence.

It has a stah at lnoking at

what needs doing in six member countries, including the UK. The issue that needs to be addressed is not just unemployment but also low pay. It is the need to improve working and living conditions for people stuck on the bottom rungs of the social ladder. Low pay and bad conditions are as serious an issue as johlessness, They are simply different facets of poverty and exclusion.

If it is the case that the same people are stuck in no jobs or bad jobs, and tend to be lumbered with part-time or temporary work - in short, who bear all the brunt of making our economies flexible - the social consequences are bleak, as a new book on the dual oature uf the labour market spells out. Gilles Saint-Paul says: "An important issue related to the dis-

There can be almost no- is whether or not always the same people end up in the bad jobs. If so, then the dual labour market would lead to a segregated society."

Research on this question requires very fine-grained infor-matioo oo what actually happens to particular people New data sets that track the earnings and employment of particular individuals over time, described as panel data by economists, for the first time provide enough detail.
As the OECD says, we

would be a lot less worried about low pay if it turns out that for most of the people affected it is a temporary problem and they move on to higher-paid employment. Looking at panel data for the years 1986-1991 for six countries, it found, as the chart shows, that the proportion who were low paid at any time during that period (18-24 per cent) was greater than the proportion who were low paid in 1986. This in turn was far higger than the group who were low paid throughout the entire five years (3-5 per cent).

Low pay traps appear to be much less common than low pay stopovers," the report com-

It also found that low-paid employment appears to be more persistent in the US and UK, perhaps because those countries have fewer harriers preventing the payment of very low wages. The prohability of escaping from had johs is somewhat lower in the UK. In addition, the average carnings



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Detailed analysis makes it clear that the

Government has leapt to false assumptions about the UK's dual labour market and

of those who were continuously in work during the five years grew most strongly in the UK. Both bits of evidence tie in with

dual society

the general perception that inequality has increased more sharply in this country than most others in recent years. The dual labour market does appear to create a barrier be-

In fact, in the case of all six countries, the report says: Even though low pay is a transitory phenomenon for a majority of workers ... a large share of the time spent in lowpaid jobs is attributable to workers for whom [it] appears

to be a chronic condition." Most spells in badly paid jobs are short, but so are the escapes from them, and the same people cycle in and out of poverty. This would be even more true if the OECD's researchers had been able to take account of cycling between low pay and no pay, or unemployment. "The main message," the report concludes,
"is that workers' prospects of
moving up worsen the longer they have been low paid."

If, as all this evidence sug-

gests, it is the same people who are caught in this cycle, who are they? For it is on them that Government efforts to alleviate poverty and inequality should be concentrated. The OECD offers some indications. It is, broadly speaking, women and those with few edncational qualifications who get stuck at the bottom of the ladder. Like young people, they have a higher probability of being low paid in any year. Unlike the young, they are less likely to he upwardly

mobile as time goes by. In the UK, for example, 18 per cent of the panel of workers had pay in the bottom fifth of the income distribution at some tween the haves and have-nots point, 13 per cent were low paid

that is higher in this country than elsewhere. in 1986, and 5 per cent were low paid throughout the five years. But the corresponding figures for women only were 36 per cent, 30 per cent and 12 per cent. Women are more than three times as likely as men to

be low paid at some stage and six times more likely to be stuck at the bottom of the heap. The relative vulnerability of women is even higher in Germany and Denmark, somewhat lower in France, Italy and the US. But the pattern is common. So is the position of the least educated workers, in those cases for which the in-

formation was available.
The Chancellor was swift to acclaim this year's OECD report as a vindication of Labour's emphasis on the lack of fairness and opportunity in the jobs market. He was right to point out that the organisation is now emphasising the so-cial aspects of labour market policy, while sticking to its long-standing insistence on the need for deregulation and flex-ibility in order to create jobs.

However, the detailed analysis makes it clear that the Government has leapt to false assumptions about the UK's dual labour market and dual society. The faultline does not lie exactly where Mr Brown claims. His welfare-to-work scheme concentrates on the young, long-term unemployed. Clearly, providing all young people with a far better education and training, and not permitting them to leave the education system without qualifications, is essential.

But the OECD research suggests that a second focus should he on women rather than the young. With a mere £200m made available from the windfall tax for single mothers, the higgest single category of women in poverty, compared to £3.5bn for the young unemployed, this is obviously something the Chancellor has not thought about yet.

*Dual Labor Markets, Gilles

It's goodbye then, said a UBS spokesperson PEOPLE & BUSINESS COUld le

Lisa Spiro, the doyenne of investment banking PRs, left UBS last Friday after seven years as their chief spokesperson in order to set

up her own business. Ms Spiro was given a farewell dinner this Tuesday which was attended by three of her former bosses - Rudi Mueller, chairman of UBS, Alan Ogden, formerly of Hill & Knowlton and now with UBS, and Neil Collins, City editor of the Daily Telegraph.

Ms Spiro started off as a financial journalist in the 1970s, and since then she has worked for Salomon Brothers as well as UBS.

"It's been a wonderful time," she said yesterday, taking time off from moving house. "It's the first time I've been out of corporate life since I was 18.

She is in the early stages of planning her own business, which will advise companies on areas such as crisis management, social issues and corporate responsibility. It should be up and running by the end of November.

As for who would succeed her at UBS, she said Mr Ogden would continue with his present role, dealing with emerging markets, as would Simon Pincombe, who fields most press calls. Mr Pincombe is, of course, a distinguished former author of this very column. So the status quo would be maintained for the moment, she said, but the bank might

choose to do something different at the end of the

year. (Go for it, Simon.) Kevin Barker has stepped down as head of UK equities at Foreign & Colonial, to be replaced by John Wood, a former executive at Mercury

Asset Management The change has been prompted by the promotion of Arnab Banerji to the post of chief investment officer. Mr Banerji, incidentally, is an eye surgeon who has turned

by Whithread.

The Corporation says it is delighted, while John Young, chairman of Young's, says:



Rudi Mueller: UBS chairman

emerging markets operation in London and bought out the last minority stake in the division two months ago. Since then Mr Banerji has reviewed the business and

made several changes.

David Manning, his deputy, says: "Any new chief investment officer wants things to be done his way. There were a few differences between him and Kevin Barker. Everyone parted on good terms." Other changes include Kevin Smith taking over asset allocation, says Mr Manning.

Young's Brewery has put one over on its rival Whithread in a very public manner. Whithread has decided to dispose of the Shire horses which traditionally haul its heer drays through the streets of London.

This has in turn caused a problem for the Lord Mayor of London, since his massive 18th century coach, used in the Lord Mayor's Show every November, is traditionally drawn by six horses provided Step forward Young's, It

still has its dray-pulling horses, and has offered them to the City Corporation from 1998 onwards.

business in 1831 and we still have 20 in our stables, mainly Shires but also Percherons, Suffolk Punches and Clydesdales. We are proud to he giveo this opportunity to pull the Lord Mayor's coach."

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Perusing a list of "the best harristers at the Junior Bar" in the latest issue of Legal Business, the mag for City lawyers. I came upon one Joe Smouha, aged 34. The mag says he is Triple A rated: assertive, aggressive, ambitious. He has personality

us burn very focused."
Cripes. Young Joe, the mag adds, is "the kind of guy who turns up for two minutes at a party and will have six other parties to go to". How tiring. He has also had to steer well clear of working on BCCI, the crashed bank, since his father, Brian Smouha, a partner with accountants Deluitte & Touche, was until recently one of the main liquidators of the bank. BCCI was shut down by regulators six years

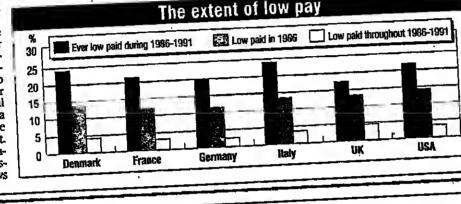
ago after frauds worth over \$10bn were discovered. Mr Smouha senior was particularly adept at negotiating with the Sheikh of Abu Dhahi and his representatives - the Sheikh owned 77 per cent of BCCI when it was shut, and played a key role in providing compensation to creditors.

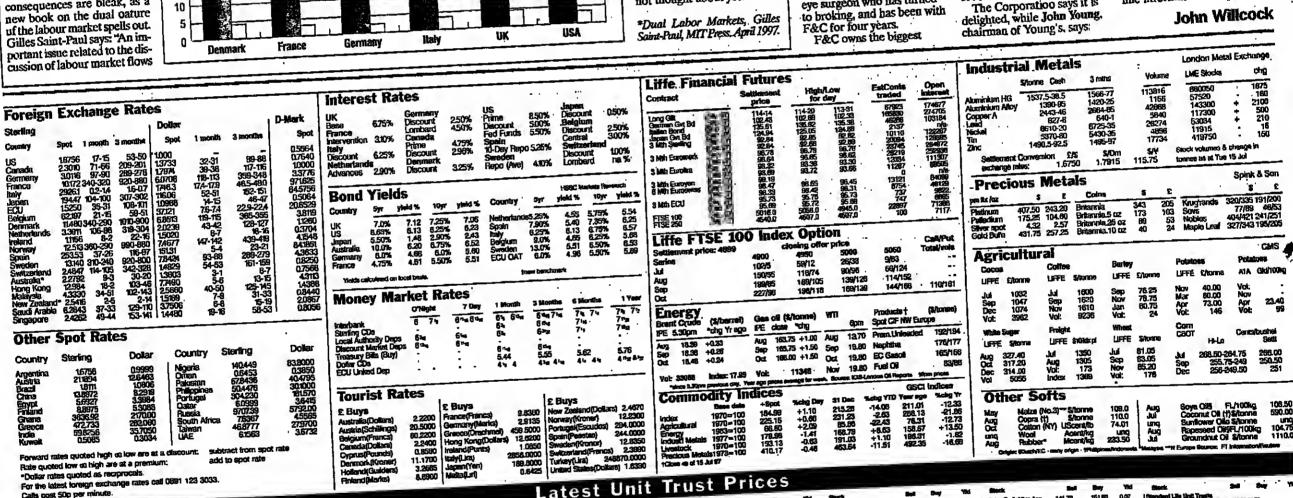
There is one way in which young Joe has followed in his father's footsteps, however: he has acted for the bondholders in the Barings Bank cullapse. Sorting out collapsed banks obviously runs in the family.

Bill Murphy, BT director of corporate clients, has resigned as a director of Display IT, the troubled online information company,

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NatWest Markets reorganisation could lead to sale

Financial Editor

National Westminster is understood to have responded to growing pressure from institutional investors to do something about its underperforming investment banking arm by setting in train a radical reorganisation of NatWest Markets. The revamp has been seen as a prelude to a possible disposal of the division, from which Nat West has failed to generate

a satisfactory return. The proposed changes are understood to centre on a slimming down of investment banking by taking Nat West Markets' corporate lending and treasury functions back into the commercial bank. Although Nat-West refused to confirm the changes, details are expected to be announced when the bank unveils interim results at the beginning of next mouth.

Any reduction in the scope of Nat West Markets' activities will be seen as a reversal of the global strategy outlined when the business was formed in 1992.

Opinion was divided in the City yesterday as to whether the move signalled the end of Nat West Markets or was simply a case of the bank buying time to put its house in order.

analyst at Mercill Lynch, thought it extremely unlikely that Nat-West would perform such a dramatic volte-face as selling the business. But John Leonard, at Salomon Brothers, said: "In the sense that o increases their options for what to do with the business in the funne, the changes

are not just cosmetic." Derek Wanless, who took over as chief executive of Nat-West Markets after the resig-oation of Martin Owen, is understood to be in favour of the changes, which would see activities such as foreign exchange and money-market dealing return to the bank.

The advantage to Nat West of can be exaggerated. such a move would be to reduce the capital tied up in NatWest Markets so that the underperformance of the remaining corporate finance and equities operations would seem less important in group terms.
Separately, NatWest Mar-

kets yesterday announced the appointment of Tom Lundie as rently head of finance at the treasury and capital markets di-vision of HSBC. At NatWest he will report directly to group finance director Richard Delbridge and Mr Wanless.

The appointment was seen by

According to Mr Coleman, the bank had been managed for too long "with its eyes on the strategy statement and not on whether or not it was actually making any profits".

Nat West has scaled down its large corporate lending inwolvement due to the tiny mar-gins on such business but analysis said the bank would have to weigh the effect of its actions on its client relationships. Many analysts think the link between lending to large corporates and getting access to higher margin corporate advisory and finance business

Analysis say the proposals, if carried out, would be largely cosmetic in the near term. They would free no capital and would just transfer profit streams from one business to the other.

Mr Wanless is consulting the giobal heads of the investment balls, divisions and is expect-ed to make his recommendations to the NatWest Group board in the next few weeks. The bank is expected to make at least a progress report when it publishes its first-balf results

on 5 August. The review was announced in The appointment was seen by the wake of a £90m loss in analysts as a long overdue for derivatives trading which led to Richard Coleman, banking cus on the financial returns the departure of Mr'Owen.



IN BRIEF

Nigel Wray to buy stake in Domino Pizza

Nigel Wray, the chairman of the Burford and Trocadero property groups, is to buy up to 20 per cent of Domino's Pizza Group from International Franchise Systems (IFS). IFS previously owned 100 per cent of Domino's, which is the UK master franchisee of the Domino brand. Mr Wray and investors have paid £1.9m for a 15 per cent stake in the business with an option to acquire an additional 5 per cent for approximately £875,000. Mr Wray, who backed the takeover of Nottingham Forest football club earlier this year, said he appreciates "the strong potential of Domino's Pizza in the UK and its tremendous success so far". IFS said the deal would help finance Domino's rapid growth, which includes a total of 250 UK stores within the next three years.

Siebe opts for FID as final payout

Siebe is to pay its final dividend as a foreign income dividend to save up to £12.4m in Advance Corporation Tax. The payout to shareholders is 9.8p per share for the year to 5 April. As Advance Corporation Tax (ACT) on a FID can be recovered by the company, payment of the final dividend in this way would result in a future cash saving of up to £12.4m, Siebe said. In the longer term, it will reduce exposure to the risk that ACT may require to be written off to the profit and loss account, the company added.

PowerGen chairman exercises options

Ed Wallis, chairman of PowerGen, has made a gain of over £265,000 from the exercise of share options. Mr Wallis exercised options over 46,000 ordinary shares of the company at an option price of 196p a share. He sold the holding immediately at a price of 773p. The net gain was £265,420.

Plasmon shares dive on profits warning

Shares in Plasmon, the electrical equipment group, lost 48 per cent of their value yesterday when the company issued a profits warning. It said it expects to report a significant loss in the first half to September following first-quarter sales below expectations and down 4 per cent year-on-year. Plasmon blamed weak markets and the strength of sterling but said it expects to see an important part of the company made. provement in trading in the second half. The company made a profit of £400,000 last year. The shares fell 86.5p to 92.5p.

Euromoney buys US magazines group

Euromoney, the publisher and conference organiser, made its biggest acquisition to date with the purchase of the US financial magazines group, Institutional Investor for \$142m (£84m). Euromoney had originally pulled out of the race, saying the \$200m asking price was too high. However, when other potential buyers also pulled out it was asked to resubmit a bid and entered the final stages of oegotiation within the last week. The deal will be financed by a \$150m (£89m) medium-term bank facility, provided by the HSBC group. Institutional Investor is owned by ABC, an indirect subsidiary of the Walt Disney Company.

Millwall's rescue issue gets 56% take-up

Millwall Holdings, owner of the second division football club, has received a 56 per cent take-up for its rescue £3.4m rights issue. Of the balance of 158 million new ordinary shares not subscribed by qualifying shareholders, 114 million have been placed at 1p per share with the Townsley & Co, the stockbroker which underwrote the issue. Around 44 million shares have been taken up by sub-underwriters of Apax Partners, the venture capital group. The two-for-one rights issue is part of a £10m financing for Millwall. The club is raising £6m by the placing of 640 million

Eurotunnel shareholders call for inquiry

The association of Eurotunnel shareholders (AEE) has called on the Paris bourse commission to open an investigation following a sharp drop in the company's share price on Friday and Tuesday. A letter from the AEE pointed out that Eurotunnel shares had lost 30 per cent over those two days.

Insurance companies report record investments

Clifford German

Investors are buying pensions, PEPs and investment products in record amounts, according to the latest new business figures from Prudential and Legal & General yesterday.

year running, reflecting the continuing recovery in investor LAG's insurance-linked prodthe housing market.
L&G's Bisction PEP,

launched just before the general election in May, brought in £207m and exceeded all expec-tations, David Prosser, chief executive, said yesterday. It was

mainly responsible for increasing sales of PEPs and unit trusts from £124m to £443m in the first six months of the year. A new, improved life bond

would be launched shortly to try and maistain the momentum of sales in the second half of the Sales surged for the second. 'year, Mr Prosser said.' Premium income from

confidence which is also driving incis rose 49 per cent to £140m, the housing market.

L&G's Blection PEP, that savings was 27 per cent higher than in the previous year mit single preasure business, which tends to be more symbol, grew by 91 per cent. Income from company pen-

sion schemes was down slight- ness for the first half of the year. ly but this was almost exactly explained by a single annuity contract worth £148m in 1996.

Even mortgage-related business grew, but by a more modest 9 per cent, while the amount of oew pension money under management rose by 14 per cent to £2.28bn, benefiting from the success of L&G's use of funds which track the FTSE index.

Prudential's group chief executive, Sir Peter Davis, who personifies the revamped Man from the Pru in the group's media advertising programme nounced a strong rise in busiWorld-wide single-premium business rose by 23 per cent, against 36 per cent in the first half of 1996 and a drop of 10 per cent in 1995. Regular premiums rose by 20 per cent world-wide in the first half of 1997, against 18 per cent in 1996 and a drop

of 11 per cent in 1995. In the US single-premium sales rose by 27 per cent and regular-premium sales were up 22 per cent. "This was an excellent set of sales figures. We are continuing to enjoy sales growth in all our major opera-tions around the world," Sir Peter said.

Prudential's star product in cent and doubled sales of inthe UK was once again its withprofits single-premium Prudence Bond, which brought in £539m, an increase of 47 per cent on the first half of last year. Single-premium business in

the UK rose by 15 per cent to £1.8bn, including a 12 per cent rise in pension business and a 29 per cent rise in life business, while PEP sales doubled to £141m. Regular-premium business also grew by 15 per cent to

Prudential's direct sales force rew sales of single-premium siness by 12 per cent and regular-premium business by 15 per

per cent in single premiums and 19 per cent in the small amount of regular-premium business. Britannic Assurance reported levels of new business roughly similar to 1996, in spite of the

vestment products. Sales

through independent financial

advisers recorded a rise of 18

restructuring of the sales force and the closure of 60 branches at the beginning of May. Scottish Equitable reported a 42 per cent rise in oew regular-premium incomes and a 5

per cent fall in single-premium

business from last year's record

Forbes to buy Nelson for £84m

Cathy Newman

David Woodward, chairman of Nelson Hurst, stands to pocket almost 13m after Forbes Group, a South African risk management company, yesterday launched an agreed £84m leading operator in the short takeover bid for the insurance

Mr Woodward's 1.6 million shares in Nelson, equal to a 3.4 of the leading mid-sized per cent stake, are valued at international insurance bro-£2.88m by Forbes' 185p bid kers with a clear focus oo price - a 43 per cent premium to Tuesday's closing price of 129.5p. Shares in Nelson closed 50p higher yesterday at 179.5p. companies had a history of The directors together own

11.2 per cent of the company. Louis Erhard, one of the directors, will bank £1.8m from the deal, and John Percy-Davis. chief executive, will gain in excess of £650,000.

The windfall for the directors comes just four months after they said they would forfeit their bonuses because they had underperformed in the previous Furbes, which provides risk

management, insurance and empkyee benefit services, said

vesterday that it had bought Nelson to strengthen its position

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named in the England Under-

19 squad yesterday, celebrated

with his county's first hat-trick

since Richard Hadlee claimed

one against Kent in 1987. His

victims were Trevor Penny,

caught behind, and Dougie

Brown and Graham Welch who

were both bowled off their pads.

That took Warwickshire from 225 for 3 to 225 for 6, hut half-

centuries by David Hemp and Dominic Ostler helped them

reach 328 for 9 by the close.

Darren Gough took four wickets for Yorkshire as

Durham were howled out for

152 at Scarborough. Durham's former captain Mike Roseber-

ry took a blow oo the helmet

when on four as he ducked ioto

a short ball from Craig White

and retired suffering from dou-

6 he was caught behind first ball

from a thin edge off Peter Hart-

hle visioo one run later. Wheo he resumed at 122 for

CRICKET: England all-rounder steadies Kent nerve as Surrey and Lancashire batsmen reap rich harvest in County Championship hat-trick

Ealham launches rescue operation

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Canterbury Kent 356-7 v Leicestershire

If the bluepriot that Lord MacLaurin is about to propose for the English game includes the invention of Aussie style monikers for county sides. then Kent should be known as the Eastern Escapologists. Failed, not for the first time this season, by their early order, the tail once again turned round an unpromising 126 for 5 to finish the day on 356 for 7, a recov-

DAVID LLEWELLYN

reports from Guildford

Surrey 457-9 v Hampshire

The mood was there, so was the Bensoo and Hedges Cup

woo at the weckend, the only

thing missing was a Surrey cen-tury. They did everything else

pretty well, including batting first oo a benign Guildford

wicket, which revealed a rich

seam of runs to be mioed and

ao outfield cropped close.

thus helping to speed the ball

oo its way to the modest

Alec Stewart got closest, the

roof caving in on him wheo be

was a tantalising two runs away from what would have been his

41st first-class hundred. He fell to a catch behind by Adrian

Aymes, the quality of which was

worthy of the England wicket-

houodaries.

ery Houdini himself would have been proud to have performed. On this occasion, it was Mark

Ealham who orchestrated the fightback with an unbeaten 96 which took five hours and combined stoic belligerence with bold strokeplay. It is a combinatioo that so epitomises the Kentish way it is difficult to believe he was on the verge of mov-

ing counties a few years ago. With Ealham having already spent nine overs in the nineties, it is clear that Kent, having woo the toss, will continue batting today. They clearly believe this pitch will turn and their batting

Exquisite Stewart caught napping

> the taking passed him by as well. At least by theo he had turned in his best batting performance for Surrey this summer. Adam Hollioake, the captain, emerged to have a dart. Having decided to part with his manager, Gareth James, prior to his innings, he quickly showed that he had also shed the baggage of poor form that has dogged him

11, was beginning to excel, but

the hundred that was there for

in the first-class game. A collection of boundaries enlivened the afternoon session; he managed to make his highest score for Surrey, but he too was fated oot to reach three fig-

His younger brother, Ben, has been Surrey's man of the moment, and that was just about as loog as be lasted, hut bopes were raised by Graham Thorpe. He, too, reached the glass ceiling of a seasoo's best in the Championship, then per-

keeper's innings.
The timing and placement of By the time Chris Lewis, 66 Stewart's 15 boundaries were not out - his first time past 50 exquisite and effortless. If he this summer - and the played and missed early on, teeoage fast bowler, Alex Tuthere was not a false stroke once dor, had unleashed a flurry of be bad got uoder way. His savage sbots to brighteo the abropt departure not long after evening the maximum four lunch was sooo followed by hattiog boous poious were that of his England colleague safely in the bag - only the aod brother-io-law, Mark third time they have managed The left-hander, dropped oo that this year.

towards the end of the day betrayed their goal of getting as many runs as they can before the surface starts to grip.

It was by no means a solo effort, however, and Ealham's stirling work was matched for the most part by Paul Strang, whose 82 was his highest score for Keot. The Zimbabwean, more used to featuring in headlines praising his bowling – "Strang up by the Googlies" is one such possibility if this pitch turns as much as Kent hope it will - is certainly on mug with the willow and he oudged and squirted Leicestershire's now lukewarm attack to distraction.

More importantly for Keni, he helped Ealham to add 145 for the seventh wicket and the body hlow that rendered Leicestershire's morning bonanza superfluous. Interestingly, it was ooly Kent's fourth hundred partnership of the season, a tally that has been scored exclusively by their seventh wicket and lower. Like an Afghan hound with a bouffant, it is sometimes difficult to tell which way round this Keot side are.

That will be no consolation for the county champions, who are not having a good season. Their bowling, despite their pre-lunch successes when seamer James Ormand took three quick wickets, lacked spirit and had Kent's top order not been in such a hurry to get back to the pavilion, the day could have been far worse.

Ed Smith, David Fultoo and Trevor Ward with a scintillating fifty all got starts. Ward, his strokes as crisp and cleansounding as a thunderflash, belted all-comers to all parts before hesitatioo brought his downfall in the shape of a return catch to Adrian Pierson.

The game, ooe of a possible two televised by Sky, was not bowever graced by Kent's latest Test star Dean Headley, who withdrew following a late fitness test oo a side strain. But although he hopes to be fit enough to play oo Sunday, the Keot physio warned that any further pull could put him out for up to six weeks. With the Ashes poised in the balance it is one prognosis that England will, according to coach David Lloyd, monitor closely before the next Test.



Kent's Trevor Ward is caught and bowled by off-spinner Adrian Pierson, of Leicestershire, on the first day of the

Crawley and Fairbrother Ponting flays make Sussex suffer Glamorgan Australia 369-4 dec

Glamorgan 30-0

Ricky Ponting hit his first century of the tour to enhance his claims for the troublesome No 6 spot in the Australian Test side as Mark Taylor's men put a threadbare Glamorgan attack to the sword in Cardiff yesterday.

The 22-year-old was unbeaten on 126 when Taylor declared Australia's first innings, leaving the Championship leaders an awkward eight overs to face before the close, but Steve James and Hugh Morris comfortably survived the efforts of Paul Rieffel and Mike Kasprowicz.

Justio Langer, ooe of Ponting's competitors for a Test place, hit 50 oot out as he and Pooting shared an unfinished fifth-wicket partnership of 123 in 27 overs.

HENRY BLOFELD reports from Old Trafford Lancashire 380-5 v Sussex

On days like these it must seem a long season for Sussex. After putting Lancashire into bat, they took two good wickets before lunch as well as dropping John Crawley at slip before he had scored. Crawley and Neil Fairbrother then showed them the error of their ways, putting on 243 for the third wicket in 58 overs.

In the morning, the ball swung under the cloud and on a damp, slow pitch moved off the seam. Many bowlers would have given a lot to use it first and a decent seam attack would have had

Lancashire in all sorts of trouble. The only two points in Susat the moment is that they are three from the bottom of the Championship table and with Derbyshire in their present benevolent form, must have an

excellent chance of avoiding the bottom. Also, of course, they reached the quarter-finals of the NatWest Trophy when they beat Lancashire at Hove which will have sent them here in

good beart. Their bowling at the start was poor and grew progressively worse, no matter the colour of the cloud through which one viewed proceedings. Paul Jarvis and Vasbert Drakes bowled too short and too wide at the start and often the wrong line too. It seems strange that yesterday morning Sossex should have had more bowling bonus points than any other county.

Mark Robinson bowled Jason Gallian with a beauty which pitched on middle and hit off and Mike Atherton, who was in fine form, was lbw to James Kirtley to one which cut back into him. played forward. Just before came to an end wheo he sq Atherton was out, Crawley went

the offside and was dropped by Keith Greenfield at first slip, twohanded to his right.

Then Crawley and Fair-

brother set about making Sussex suffer. Crawley's stroke play was a delight as he drove and flicked the ball away off his pads. He is always so elegant. His taleot is unquestionable; it is only his temperament that may still hold him back.

Fairbrother also played some lovely strokes as he went easily to his first hundred of the season. Like Crawley, he would oo doubt have said that the Sussex bowling, from lunchtime oowards, made it easier for him. The cootrol of all the bowlers was not good, making it so difficult to set a field.

Eventually, Crawley played a loose drive and was caught behind having faced 199 balls and hit 15 fours. Fairbrother's innings cut Kirtley to cover after facing back to force Robinson through 196 balls and hitting 14 fours.

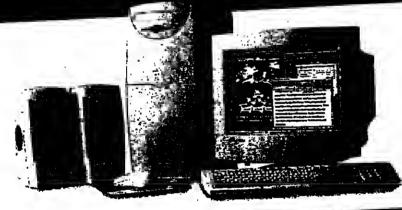
ley. Roseberry stood his ground for a long time, staring down the pitch at umpire George Sharp and his behaviour left Sharp and his colleague Joho Harris with no optioo but to report him to Lord's for dissent. Yorkshire in

reply were 137 for 2.
The Tasmanian Shaun Young hit his first ceotury for Gloucestershire oo another bad day for Derbyshire. It began when the England hopeful Mike Smith snapped up six wickets with his left-arm inswingers to bowl

Derbyshire out for 120. After Derbyshire's disastrous start at the Cheltenham Festival, Young theo outscored them by himself. Taking ruos all round the wicket he was still there at the close, seeing Gloucestershire to 306 for 4. Young was on 156.

Roberts scored his maiden first class ceotury at home to Essex game. The hosts subsided to the wiles of Paul Grayson (4 for 55) ooce Roberts was out for 117 but a spirited unbeaten last-

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Gloucestershire v Derbys CHELTENHAN: Gloucestershire (Tpts), with six first-innings wickets standing, are 186 runs ahead of Derhyshire (1). Today: 11.0.

Derbyshtre won toss
DERBYSHING: - First Innings
A S Rohms Ibw b Smith
M R May c Rusself b Smith
K J Barnett c Rusself b Lewis
M J Vandrau ret hunt
V P Clarke c Young b Smith
K M Krildven c Bell b Young
P A J DeFrebas c Rusself b Smith
J Jean's b Smith
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J Deen c Wright b Lewis
E Malcolm not out
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boths (D7 w 2 nb6) 15

res: DR Shepherd and JF Steele.

Kent v Leicestershire CANTERBURY: Kent (4pts) have scored 356 for 7 against Lalcastershire (3). To-Kent won toss

M A Earliem not out
M V Pleming a Noon b Pleason
P A Straing b Millins Total (for 7, 109 overs) 356 Ref: 1-63 2-71 3-108 4-108 5-126 6-162 7-307.

To bet: M J McCague, J & O Thompson Bowling (to date): Milins 20-4-69-1; Mul-latly 20-3-79-1; Ormond 19-3-71-3; Pier-son 32-11-79-2; Johnson 15-6-27-0;

Wells 3-U-14-U.
LEICESTERSHIRE: V J Wells, O L Maddy,
I J Sutcliffe, *J J Whiteler, N C Johnson,
A F Smith, †P A Naton, A R K Pierson, O
J Milins, A D Mullally, J Ormand.
Umplines: K E Palmer and B J Meyer.

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (4pts) have scored 380 for 5 against Sussex (2). Today; 11.0. Sussex won toss LANCASHRE - First innings M A Atherton low b Kirtley -J E R Gellian b Robinson

J P Crawley c Moores b Roberson112 N H Fairbrother c Greenfield b Kirdey G O Lloyd c Athey b Robinson

CRICKET SCOREBOARD To best: 1W K Hegg, G Yares, P J Martin, O J Shedford.
Bowling (to date): Drakes 20-3-71-0; Javis 18-1-59-0; Robinson 23-4-95-3; Kirtley 21-4-86-2; Newell 8-1-25-0; Greenfield 4-1-18-0; Rao 7-1-18-0.

HAMPSHIRE M L Hayden, J S Laney, K D James, R A Smith, W S Kendall, J P Stephenson, †A N Aymes, 5 D Udal, J N & Bovill, S J Renshaw, S M Milburn. SUSSEX R K RBO, N J Lenham, N R Taylor, C W J Athey, K Greenfield K Nowell, *†P Moores, V C Drakes, P W Janks, M A Robinson, R J Kirdey.
Umpires: D J Constant and R Julian. Umptres: J W Holder and M J Kitchen.

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonship (4pts) have scored 354 for 9 again Essex (4) Today: 11.0. mashine won toss Durham won toss

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Nottinghamshire v Warwicks TRENT BRIDGE: Warwickshire (3pts) have scored 328 for 9 against Not-tinghemshire (4). Today: 11.0. vottinghamshire won toss

Nottinghamshire won loss
WARMVICKSHIEGE - First lamings
A J Moles libw b Oram
M A Wagh c Archer b Franks
O L Hemp c Archer b Tolley
7 L Penney c Noon b Franks
D R Brown b Franks Bowling (to data): Brown 8-1-31-0; Setts 6-1-24-1; Walker 7-1-38-1; Foster 11-2-29-0; Boiling 5-2-13-0. Umpires: J H Harris and G Sharp.

Clamorgan v Australia CARDIT: Glamorgan, with all first-in-nings wickets standing, are 339 runs behind Australia. Today: 11.0. Glamorgan won toss AUSTRALIA - First knoings

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE P R Pollard, R 7 RUI HERBRANSHARE P R PORTAG, R 7 Robinson, *P Johnson, N J Asile, G F Archer, U Atzael, M P Dowman, C M Tolley, P J Franks, TW M Noon, A R Oram.

Surrey v Hampshire GUILDFORD: Surrey (4pts) have scored Surrey worr toss

T Frost C Dov

A A Donald not out

Tour Match (First day of three) Worcestershire v Pakistan A WORCESTER: Pakistan A, with seven first-indings wickets standing, are 99 runs behind Worcestershire. Today: 11.0.

Pakistan A won toss

PAKISTAN A - First linnings
All Nacyl Ibw b Shenyar
Salum Elahi not out
Mujahid Jamisheed Ibw b Shenyar

Mujania Amisheed low o She Rane Qayyum low b Miza Farhen Adil not out Extras (lb3 w1) Total (for 3, 38 overs) Fell: 1-50 2-66 3-93.

Felt: 1-3 2-177 3-183 4-203 5-327 6-328 7-367 8-368 9-415. Bowling for dette): Bowli 21-3-112-2: Mil-burm 23-1-81-3; Renshaw 15-3-86-0; Udal 13-1-43-0; Stephenson 28-1-110-3; Keech 4-0-12-1. Pakistan A won ross
WORCESTERSHIRE - First Innings
V S Solanki c Qedeer b Abdul
W P C Weston c Qadeer b Ali
"G A Hick c Akhtar b Ali
G R Heynes c and b Ali
O A Leatherdale tow b Azhar
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Yorkshire v Durham SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire (4pts), with scarborough first-findings wickets standing, are 16 runs behind Durtusm (0). Today: 11.0.

DURHAM - First limings

J J 2 Lewis c White b Hardey

M A Rosebeny c Blakey b Hardey

Bourling: Gough 18.5-7-37-4; wood 17-7-32-1; White 12-2-42-1 ley 14-4-29-3; Stemp 3-1-3-0 YORKSHERE - First Innings
M D Mozon c Speight b Betts
A McGrath not out
D Subtrain not out
Extras (lb2)
Total (for 2, 37 evers)

To bat: C White, 2 Parker, †R J Blakey, O Gough, P J Hardey, C E W Silverwood, R D Sterrip.

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(First day of three)

AUSTRALIA - FIRST ATRICES
M A Taylor c Morris b Cosker
M T G Effort c Maynard b Butcher
G S Blewett b Butcher
M T Ponting not out

Did not bat: M G Bevan, tD S Berry, B P Julian, P R Relifel, M S Kasprowicz. Bowling: Thomas 16-1-73-0: Parkin 19-4-78-0; Dale 13-2-49-0; Butcher 13-1-52-2: Cosker 24-5-95-2; Maynard 3-0-10-0.

GLAMORGAN - First innings S P James not out H Morns not out Extres (Ib3 w2 nb4)

To bast: A Dele, "M P Maynard, P A Cottey, M J Powell, G P Butcher, †C P Metson, S D Thomas, D A Cosker, O T Parkin. Bowling (to data): Reifiel 4-0-16-0; Kasprowicz 4-2-11-0.

Northamptonshire's David in only his fifth Championship ricket stand between David Ripley and Scott Boswell took them to 354 for 9 by the close.

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Fortune favours Hawksley

GREG WOOD reports from Sandown

The Chinese tend to believe in fate, so it is to be hoped that most of the visiting dignitaries at Hong Kong Day here yesterday managed to back Hawk-sley Hill, the winner of the most valuable eight-furlong race ever staged at Sandown, the Hong Kong Jockey Club Trophy Handicap. He was, after all, ridden by a man called Fortune.

Indeed, good fortune seems to follow Hawksley Hill around like a well-trained dog, which may he worth bearing in mind if he contests the Schweppes Golden Mile at Glorious Goodwood a fortnight today, a race for which he is now the 7-1 jointfavourite with William Hill. He won the Spring Cup at Newbury two months ago when the stew-ards disqualified the first horse home, while he was originally bought as a foal by Paul Morrison, his owner, with the intention of selling him on as a yearling. A minor ailment kept Hawksley Hill from the sales ring, however, and Morrison deeided to keep him, a choice which was rewarded still further yesterday by the first prize of just over £50,000.

It was an excellent after- And, presumably, who.

Ramsden, whose prize for training the winner was two businessclass tickets to Hong Kong and a five-night stay which will in-clude the International Race Day meeting at Sha Tin in December. This too might have been a tip for believers in coincidence, since Ramsden won a similar excursion, to the Breeders' Cup meeting last November, for saddling a winner

at Doncaster tast season. Perhaps she should donate this latest trip to the unfortunate stable staff who deal with Hawksley Hill. "He usually eats everything, including people," Ramsden said. "In fact, the worse the humour he's in, the better he is, and when one of the lads comes out with a few choice words about him, you know he's a happy borse." Remember, then, to study him carefully in the paddock before future outings. If the horse looks cheerful and his handler looks miserable,

it is time to find a bookmaker. That next appearance could come as soon as this Monday, since Hawksley Hill is among the entries for a Group Three race at Ayr. "He takes his rac-ing very well," his trainer said, "but it will depend on how he is after today, how much he weighs and how much be eats."



Round the bend: Cosmic Prince sets a hectic pace on the turn for home in the big race at Sandown yesterday

HYPERION

GOING: Good to Firm.

STALLS: Straight course – far sade; round course – inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Norse.

Eleft-hand, galloping course. Four furforg man-in bends to the left and is uphill.

Course is 2m NW of casy near A431. Both station 2m. ADMISSION; Club A13; Taitersalls 18; Sirver Rang 54; Course 52. CAR PARK: Centre of course 55 for car plus driver and 52 for each passenger; remainder free.

LEADING TRAINERS WITH HUNNERS: 2 Charlton — 17 winners from 47 runners,
gives a success ratio of 36.2% and a profit to a 51 level stake of 515.44; I Balding — 16
winners. 76 runners. 21.1%, -57.24; M Channon — 15 winners, 125 runners, 12.7%,
-517.00; J Benry — 11 winners. 41 runners. 26.5%, +512.40

LRADING JOCKETS: Pat Eddert — 30 winners. 113 rides. 26.5%, -54.08; J Reid

LRADING JOCKETS: Pat Eddert — 30 winners. 113 rides. 26.5%, -54.08; J Reid

2.00 WHITE HORSE SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 3f 144yds Penalty Value £2,234

to Evidence in Cruef, Peroslan finished about seven lengths shead of Shebanaz (right) on smalar terms as today. Petoslan does stay and and is down in the after his latest wins, and may again just have the edge over Shabanaz, who has finite in his favour today after finding 12 fundants in softial ground too much at Haydock last time.

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2.30 D) £5,000 added 1m Penalty Value £3,397

00-050 ADMIRALS FLARE (23) (0) (87) Nordesten Roard C Yell 69 4 6 Deficiel 3 10031 SWORD ARM (5) (0) AR Constructed R Crafts 39 0 5 Februar 1V 04-5 BLANDARY (ALL DIS ASSTOR) Park Astr. (7 Annual Houghts 3 8 10 1 Februar 1 All Constructed R Crafts 2 10 SCATLET CRESCRICT (15) (0) (1 Constructed R 125 P Victory 7 Walkyn 3 8 9 Pre Enterly 2

FORM GUIDE

Chas Wall has his yearn in him trick, but the ground may prove too quick for Admiralis Flatter. A beatent favourne at Warrick last time, his best runs last term were in the soft-section to Annah Ayreb an Newbury and a neck warrier from Halada at Whitson. One who wall revel on the ground is Sword Arm, who returned to form at Salabury last Saturday when sleeping clear and their holding of Duthara. That was his first not bods since going off the bod an the string and, while he is the one to back on form, the Salabury in flattened him as the second was on ground too fast for her. Blandbury His was a strateg number in an all-laged spirit of Goodwood last mine and, with the govern dinding of there, the form is best grouted. He had shown promise in maitiers beforetrand and will go close if he gets the trib. That leaves SCAPILET ORESICENT, who was proted in a strong race at Newmarker last time. She bear a tig field at Warnach as a surveile and could be the Value bet 1004by back.

time. She bear a trig field at Warwick as a screenie and could be the value bet today back with Pat Eddlery after their Nottingham win over this trip from the disappositing Herry Ce-

3.00 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,500 added 370 5f Penalty Value £5,792

- 4 declared -BETTING: 6-4 Sword Arm, 11-4 Admirals Plante, 3-1 Blevbury HE, 9-2 Scariet Crescent

3.40 Lucky Dip

4.10 Lido

The favourite for yesterday's race was Dancing Image, who is owned by The Queen and would have been a somewhat ironic winner given that the sponsors recently lost the word Royal" from their title. His position in the market, though, had more to do with the fact that he was ridden by Lanfranco Dettori, who had already taken the first two races on the card in typically determined fashion.

HSBC Trophy, forced Dettori to work particularly hard, despite the fact that he set off a hot favourite at 1-2. Lord Of Men appeared to lose his action a couple of furlongs from home as Silence Reigns, a 14-1 chance, emerged from the pack to challenge him, and his jock-cy had an interesting explanation why. "There was a herd of ducks, hig fat ones, at the side

2.35 SWORD ARM (nap)

3.10 Bayford Thrust

Lord Of Men, winner of the of the course." Denori said. "He The International Stakes at York's Ebor meeting is now a possible target, though it was dislooked at them and lost his rhythm, but I gave him a slap, he picked up again and then off he went." Close study of the returbing to see that, geese or no geese, the colt swished his tail play revealed that the ducks were so hig and fat that they were, in fact, geesc.

Lord Of Men was expected to make a mark in the Classics last year after an excellent two-yearold campaign which included a Group One success in France.

4.40 Your Most Welcome (nb)

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A definite absentee at York will be Richard Quinn, who yesterday discovered be had broken his wrist in a fall at Brighton on Tuesday, The injury will

highly among his attributes.

with every stroke of Dettori's

whip, Resolution may not figure

three apprentices to pull their horses in a race. Ng has been remanded in custody until Friday.

Photograph: Robert Hallam

take six to eight weeks to heal.

forcing him to miss the King

George, Glorious Goodwood,

the Ebor meeting and, per-

haps, the St Leger meeting too.

Police in Hong Kong have ar-

rested a husinessman, Ng Siu-

chau, and detained three other

suspects on charges of offering

HK\$1m (£80,000) in bribes to

to go close, but Baylord Timait meets him 5lb better over a shorter trip on fastar ground. Decement Air is tricky to assess on the fast ground after his all-weather wins. He only just scrambled home from Royel Blackbird on good ground at Yarmouth last Detober, and one of his authoriquent sand wins was notiched on going described as slow. Anotheto, winter of a most race at Brigman in May, will have been ricely buried up by a run against cider horses at Lingfield a week ago.

3.30 LONGLEAT CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 added 5f 11yds Penalty Value £2,618 ... R Hundin (5) 34 ACCOCK DELECTED (10) (B) (Art 5 M haydo Jones () Haydo Jones 6 8 7. Q30206 CREET'S LAUY (22) (Surbyn Fry) J M Bradley 5 8 4 SECO-D MOOR HALL PRINCESS (26) IR 5 Brookmanes) N Botonage 3 8. sej N Batmage 380. - 11 declared -

ALLAU, 4 Berry — 11 winters, 41 runners, 26.6%, 4812.46.

B LRADDIG JOCKETS: Pat Eddery — 50 winners, 113 rides, 26.6%, 450.08; 4 Reid — 19 winners, 117 rides, 16.4%, 4520.80; T Quian — 19 winners, 143 rides, 15.3%, 53.06; Paul Eddery — 15 winners, 86 rides, 17.4%, 4523.09.

BLINKERED PREST TIME Lucky Dip (4.39), WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS; Sword Arm (2.30) won at Nationary on Saturday, LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS; Buyford Threat (1.00) has been sent 213 m3es by 4 Berry from Cockerham, Lancasture. BETTIME: 5-4 Montecodes, 11-4 Lucky Dip, 4-1 Hard To Figure, 10-1 Delech, Mos Bruce, 12-1 United Lady, 20-1 others: 1996: Talahhus 4 9 2 M Roberts 6-4 for IM Poligiose) drawn (1, 9 cm PORSA BUIDE

ordendre and Hard To Figure are clear best compared to their handicap marks, but the are difficult to van with and LUCKY DIP might nick it in her first-time voor-dhe bby gaining a win in a claimer on the course in May fount Nopulea and Whitz Nigh. Best over at fur-longs with some cut. Mortendre has a stiff trick (Sandown) when raced over the minimum wo butnigs ago. He was beatan only a neck and the race has worked our really well with was by White Emir, Palacegate Touch and Gore Savage. Hard To Figure has also made his name over sx furlongs, but this course was one of his favourities in his heyday and he was not fat behind Montendre in the blamet with by Standown at Warwich. Delively has hitted at a reason to form, but has a stiff task at the weights, along with Child's tady, who has been treatening to win a low-grade handlesp.

Selection: UCRY DP

4.00 AVERURY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 added 270 5f 161yds Penalty Value £2,793 32 LIDO (33) (Buy Reed) 8 Hits 9 0 OOD REBALO (33) (The Spanish Correction) 0 Hyde 9 0 S33 STREEDHER WAR ELD PREST TAJRON M Chemnon 9 0 SUM CANCER (High Wood Roong) N Shriph 9 0... THOMAS DYNULLEY (C. A. Washboum) R O'Sulbian 9 0... DOVER SOUL (R P. Marching) P Majori 8 9... 5 GAZY MALL (22) (NAS I A. Bedding) 1 Briding 8 9... 0 GREMESHOPE (C2) (P. I Wightman) S Margin 8 9... HALSTIQUE DIREAM (Notic Said) R Chemion 8 9... 4050 SCOPE (HIG) Prad J Doon) M Meade 8 9... TARA Floricate Limited) 8 Medica 8 9... TARA Floricate Limited) 8 Medica 8 9... 1031 SLZ (Sheppi Industrial Sameras K Meduldo 8 9... 0 TIGST SLYAND (M G Quinn) M Chammon 8 9... ...R Haville (3) 10Pet Eddury 13Peul Eddery 11 A Proctor 11T Sprake 4 ____ O Dutfield 7 O TUS (12) (Dragon industrial Services) K McAuldia B 9....

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LIBO will not often come across a horse as smart as Unite Indian. Lido went clear at Haycock 16ft a formight ego and had them cooked until Utile Indian bitized him in the final 50
yerds. That defeat was no summe because Little Indian had run a corker against decent
types on his Newmarket debut. Striding Ring was beatinn nine lengths when third to lan
Balding's Nahmaheria at Criepstaw in soft ground. Even on this faster surface, he's difficult
to farroy against Lido. The fifty Guilly MRII is bred for 8 bit further, while the newcomers of
note are all fibres. Roger Christion does well here and Rituatique Dreams is a half-sister to
a juvernie winner, and Peter Mainris Dover Soof is a half-sister to Chis Concerto, where
Makin trained to win at Windsor last season on her second attempt. Brian Meehan's Thars,
an April local by Risk Me, would seein the only other of note.

Selection: LIDO

4	.30	WESTONBIRT HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 added filles & mares 1m 2f 46yds Penalty Value £3,054
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?	0 1201	HELL FARM BLUES (20) (CO) (Denns Newton) W M Bristourne 4 9 10 (6ex)
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SETTING: 3-1 Your Most Welcome, 7-2 RB Farm Blues, 9-2 Bathe in Light, 6-1 Saddlern' Hope, 7-1 Coban Raet, 8-1 Moso Lady, War Shanty, 12-1 Elway Lady, Of The Raile, 18-1 Whiseporing Deven, 25-1 Classic Parishan, 33-1 Indian Nector 1995: Royal Translet 5 8 3 Martin Dwyer (5) 12-1 (N Charter) drawn (5) 7 mm

1996: Royal Thirthie 5 8 3 Martin Dwyer (5) 12-1 (N Charce) drawn (5) 7 tan PORTME GLIDDE.

OFF THE RARLS appeals as the type to do better in a low-key handicap after her maiden rurs. Promee was shown in a hot little race at Salisbury on her only juvenile start and sho played a prominent per at 6 coolwood lest time in the race won by Ed Durstop's Notwerfil. Bathe In Light has been dropped 2to for her third to Ludo at Leicester. Hill Fahre Blues ran out a three-length winner from Ansik-Hu in a stronger grade here ten days ago and is a threat in them all even with the 6to pennity. Your Most Welcome, second to Harddon at Windson ten days ago, was just two lengths in from of Cuthen Reef (fourth), who lost a lot of ground at the start. This shorter mp may help Saddilens' Rope, and the consistent Monoulady is another in with a chance.

Halifax resigned to absent **Bentley**

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Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

Halifax have given up hope of having the Lions tourist John Bentley in their side for their World Club Championship match against Canterbury this weekend.

Bentley, a major success on the union tour to South Africa, is under contract to Halifax until the end of next season, but the club - which loaned him to Newcastle and then to the Lions - seems to have accepted that there is no chance of hringing him back into their fold at this short notice.

"He has not been involved in the preparation and therefore our coach, John Pendlebury, has not considered him for selection," a club spokesman said.

Halifax are still elaiming that Bentley could be available for their games against the Can-berra Raiders and the Brisbane Broncos, but the realistic prospect of that seems to be receding.

The club is holding a reunion

tonight to coincide with the return of Chris Anderson, who coached them to the League Championship in 1986 and the Challenge Cup in 1987, and who now coaches Canterbury.

London Broncos have left their scrum-half Josh White out of their side to play Canberra on Monday. White, who has been linked with Hull and Salford for next season, has served a club suspension for missing a training session, but cannot win his place back from Robbie Beazley, who played in the position at Sheffield on Sunday.

Shaun Edwards, who missed that game through injury, can only make the substitutes bench against the Raiders, but Martin Offiah will be back in the starting line-up. White has the slightly less glamorous assignment of playing for the Bron-cos' Alliance team against Dewshury.

Bradford's half-back Robbie Paul is trying Maori herbal remedies in an effort to cure his foot injury in time for their game at the Auckland Warriors on Sunday. Paul damaged the foot in the Challenge Cup final in May and has not been fully

Wigan have denied that his elder brother, Henry Paul, has asked for a move.

Rusedski slips in **Stuttgart**

Tennis

Greg Rusedski is to withdraw from the Northern Electric Open in Jesmond next week after aggravating a groin injury in his second-round defeat by Sweden's Magnus Larsson in the Mercedes Cup in Stuttgart yesterday.
The British No 2 was ham-

pered by the injury - which he originally suffered in his metchwinning Davis Cup display against the Ukraine in Kiev last weekend - in his 7-6, 6-7, 6-4 de-

"I tried my best, but it was not good enough," said the 13th seed, who has been told to rest for 10 days. "I was going to en-ter the Newcastle Challenger next week, but I'll have to pull out. It's a shame to miss a home event, but there is nothing left to do.

Rusedski hopes to be fit for the north American hard-court season, which begins for him in two weeks with the Mercedes Super Nine event at Cincinnati. Rusedski admitted that his movement against Larsson was restricted by his injury.

"I couldn't get to some shots that I wanted on my forehand. But I'm confident on the elay now. I know I can play against anyone out there. I had my chances to win.

"I've only played three events on cley this year and have lost to some pretty good guys - Al-bert Portas, Magnus Norman in Paris and now Magnus Larsson."

Thomas Muster, once invincible on the surface, is now losing on it on a regular basis and the former world No 1 fol-

lowed Rusedski out after a 6-4,

7-5 defeat by Portas, a Spaniard ranked 52nd in the world. Boris Becker managed to scrape through, beating the Moroccan Karim Alami 7-6, 7-6. With his retirement looming, the 29-year-old confirmed that he will play at the US Open, in Germany's Davis Cup relegation round in September and

at the end of the year.

Pilsudski joins three-way tussle

A three-cornered heavyweight fight now looks likely for the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes after Michael Stoute yesterday confirmed that Pilsudski will take on his stablemate Singspiel and Helissio

at Ascot on Saturday week. The trio have mopped up most of the globe's most valuable prizes over the past 10 months. Helissio won the Prix won the Breeders' Cup Turf at de l'Arc de Triomphe in October, Singspiel took the world's richest turf prize, the Japan Cup, the following month and

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went on to win the Dubai World Cup, the world's most valuable race, in March, while Pilsudski

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Petoskin (Bath 2.00) **NB:** Suggest

(Leicester 2.45)

Lester Piggott will make a return to the saddle in a celebrity race for charity at Wincanton on 23 October. Others who will participate include John Francome and Peter Scudamore.

The BHB is to provide funds for dealing with ex-racehorses

suffering from neglect or illtreatment. "While the primary responsibility for a retired racehorse lies with its owner, the BHB recognises that racing has a part to play in dealing with cases of neglect. Tristram Ricketts, the BHB's chief executive, said.

Woodhine last November and beat Benny The Dip and Bosra Sham in the Eclipse Stakes at 12 02030- RESE UP SEMBERG (334) FOR W Musson 9 10 12.

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at the final session of Keeneland's two-day July Selected Yearling Sale.

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new player" in the market was Baffert added of his new

ver Charm stuff and wanted to get involved. He wanted a horse to take to the Derby. He called me on Sunday I've never met him and asked me to pick out

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Bob Baffert, trainer of Silver

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All those who survive the half-way cut (top 70 players plate ties) receive a minimum of £4,000, nearly three times what Arnold Palmer picked up

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'Old Tom' is back with the mortals



Tiger Woods needs to learn that sporting greamess can disappear almost as quickly as it arrives he would do worse than study Tom Watson. Fnr eight years he touched heights few have enjoyed, then sud-denly, unexpectedly, he was on nodding terms with mortality

From 1975 to 1983 the American accrued major titles at the rate nf ooe a year. Five Open Championships were included in that hauf and the Scots were so used to him turning up oo their courses and walking away with the booty they adopted him. "Our Tom" wore a "Scotland the Brave" scarf round his oeck as he celebrated his win at Royal Trooo in 1982, the bond between player and crowd com-

Seventeeo years oo Our Tom has turned old Tom, a player revered for past deeds rather than current ones. He might win the Opeo Championship on Sunday, just as Seve Ballesteros or Ian Baker-Finch might too. Only no one is holding their breath. Least of all Watson.

If he triumphs on Sunday he would equal Harry Vardon's record six Open victories but these days, as Guy Hodgson reports, Tom Watson's moments of glory are all behind him jug. He finished first here in 1982, fourth in 1989 and cext to forcing his putt beyond it in the back, now I have both hands'. He was referring to 1982 when

nowhere in 1987. "My game is not in the state it has been when l bave won tournaments," he said. "Tomorrow is going to be is it going to work or not?" The chances are oot favourable for the former champion. The last persoo successfully to defend an Open title - in 1983 - his win at the

Memorial at Muirfield Village last year was his first of any kind for nine years. He hits and hopes now where before he hit and knew. "He did it in such a short span, totally dominant," Nick

Faldo said of the Watson years yesterday. "He was such a strong ball striker, to play in the wind, and was the best putter around by miles. With that combination in your bag you will always have a chance oo the

As Faldo intimated, it was Watson's work oo the greens

forcing his putt beyond it in the sure knowledge he would always he had a three or four-shot lead with six holes to play. Basicalget the one coming back if he missed. Once that certainty had ly he gave it to me on a silver gone, when the four-footers If that fourth title was a gift, the second, in 1977, was wrenched from the hands of began to slip by, he was a fad-

ing force as the golfer.
The putting has created mental torment at times," Wat-son said, empathising with the problems Ballesteros and Baker-Finch are having, "I couldn't win when I was missing the tid-dlers. My ooc consolation was my long game. It hadn't all gone

Watson, who changes his putter almost as often as his clothes, will use what he describes as the "Ray Floyd stance" oo the greens today, which sounds like imitation to the point of catastrophe. Berter to dwell on former glories than present turmoil.

"I was given it here," he said recalling his Thooo triumph 15 years ago. "Wheo Nick Price

said. "I made the cut hut struggled all week." His compensatinn was a new understanding of the game.

or hook it but the more watched him the more I knew shot-making values."

Having learned to love the

most satisfactory win I've ever had," Watsoo said. "Whenever er and come out victorious that ishes to an Opeo and the outcome was more surprising

"At this stage of my career any victory would do," he said. because Watson could not stand the brand of golf he was excepting in. "I didn't like links golf," he said, "the bumps and bounces and the so-called bad branks." "although the Open would obviously mean more. I'd like to see if I can do it again and again and again. Like the old mentality, never look back, only for-ward. Let's go and kick breaks. I liked target golf, putting the ball in the air and everyone's built one more time." If only greatness would em-

stopping it. That's the way I'd learnt the game."

Jack Nicklaus as they went

head-to-head over the last two

you play against the best play-

gives you an extra hit of satis-

It was one of the great fin-

cally, when he was crawling in-stead of flying, at Lytham in 1979. "I played miserably." he

"I started watching Lee Trevino. He couldn't hit it high he had other weapons in his ar-senal. Aiming into banks or running the hall to the hole, these are shots you don't see much on television. This is a game of rounds. "That was maybe the

links, Watson's name will always be associated with them and another Open, unlikely as it would seem, would push him alongside Harry Vardoo as the holder of a record six titles. That, he agrees, is worth a dream or two.

brace him ooe more time.

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Watson: I couldn't win when I was missing the tiddlers. My one consolation was my long game. It hadn't all gone to hell for him to get oear the claret Vanslow is dressed for success

There are two distinctive features about Vanslow Phillips, who is teeing up in the Open in the first time today. First is the name. "I think it is Romany in origin, hut it is generations ago. It has just come down the lice," the 25-year-old from

Maidenhead said. The second thing is that Phillips is the only player no the European Tour to play in a shirt and tie. "I find it really comfortable," he said, his tie tucked into his shirt. "You don't even know it is there. I really like the nid-style golfers, Hogan and people like that. I've always

looked for a niche for myself and this fits in nicely with the

way I like to dress." At the British seaside, the outfit may help him to stay warm, but what about in hot weather? "When it is bot, everyone is hot. Nobody can get away

from the heat," he said. Shortly after Phillips finished third in the South African PGA in 1995, his coach, Denis Pugh, introduced him to another of his clients, the chairman of Tie

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Tel-d-Kebir

462 yards, Par 4

burkers on each side of landing area. Hole deglegs right but a six or seven-iron should reach elevated green protected by three

Morman: driver, sand wedge, two putts

Rack. "It all tied in nicely," Phillips said. "We got together and he's been fantastic." Phillips, a member of the

1993 Walker Cup team, had failed in get through the Qualifying School three times after turning professional and was nn the Challenge Tour at the time. "When you are nn the Chal-

lenge Tour no one wants to know you," he said. "I also had backing from a friend of a golfing friend and you need all the

(a) Postage Stamp

The Railway

463 yards, Par 4

126 yards, Par 3

it for granted, but they don't Sartorially, there will be nobody able to touch him at Troon. know what the alternatives are. Andy Farrell meets the man who tees off in a suit and tie I know what it is like to be on the Challenge Tour and I don't want to go back there." help you can get. Look at the A former judo player and oc-casional blues guitarist — "I still knock out a bit at Christmas parresults; there is a guy who has shnt 17 under and won £2,000 and it has probably cost him over a grand to play. The next guy will be 10 under and he

tics, but not in front of the clubhouse" - Phillips has found that his golf has improved as his fitness has tailed off. "I am certainly Phillips qualified from the juin the worst shape I have ever nior circuit last year and secured been in," he said. "But whereas his main card for next year by finwhen you went to the Open qualishing third at the French Open ifying as an amateur, you didn't last month. "Guys who turn pro from the school don't know what feel you should be there, now I feel I should be here."



Vanslow Phillips, who is playing in his first Open, cuts a stylish dash during yesterday's practice round at Troon

it is like on tour. A few can take Hole by hole guide to Royal Troon

sn't even broken even."

Royal Truon, on the south-west coast of Scotland, is staging its seventh Open this week. The course opened in 1878 with only five holes and a discarded rallway car as a clubhouse and did not stage its first Open until 1923. The course record was

Greg Norman set by Greg Norman when the Greg Norman championship was last held here in 1989. His 64 in the final round sarned him a place is a three-way play-off won by Mark Calcavecthia

364 yants, Par 4

Shortest par tour on the course is a gentle start unless poters are consumed by Open nerves. Two bunkers on the left must be avoided so players will drive to the rman in 1989: driver, pitching wedge to 7ft, one

2 Black Rock 391 yants, Par 4

Orive must thread through three cross bunkers if the wind is blowing from behind. Green is ample with another reasonably wide entrance.

Norman: driver, pitching wedge to 7ft, one putt (birdie)

Gyaws Burn, a stream 285 yards out, could force key-up drive. Wedge should get most players to green, which slopes slightly away front to back. Norman: two-iron, wedge to 21t, one putt (birdle 3) 379 yards, Par 4

⊕ Dunate 557 yards, Par 5 Despite length, was the second easiest hole with 16 eagles at the '89 Open. Three bunkers guard two-tiered green. Norman; driver, four-iron to 35ft, two putts (birdle 4)

⑤ Steenæ 218 yards, Par 3 Tough par three in a prevailing crosswind with three bunkers left of green and one on right. Norman: sand-from to 45 feet,

one putt (birdie 2)

(6) Tumberry 577 yards, Par 5 Longest Open hole wrecked American Bobby Clampett's challengs in 1982, the half-way leader taking eight in third round. Green can be reached in IWO ON a Still day, a drive to the right side improving the chance. Green is narrow at the front with a bunker on left bunker on left Norman: driver, three-wood left of green, "pitch shot of my Me" to 4ft, one pust (birdie 4)

(9) The Monk Shortest hole at any Open course, but tiny green iust eight paces wide - makes an elusive target surrounded by the deep burders. Herman Tissles, a German amateur, took 15 in 1950, but Gene Sarazen holed in one in 1982, aged 70. Normacc nine-iron left burder, sand wedge, two putts (bogey 4)

423 yards, Par 4 Toughest front-nine hole doglegs right and drive should stop short of two bunkers on left. Second shot to the plateau green is blind. Norweau: two-tron, seven-tron to 9ft, two putts (par): Out in five-under-par 31

The Fox 431 yards, Par 4 ... Offers a brief respite with no bunkers to threaten the drive. Deep bunker right of the green which slopes left at the back. Holder Mark Calcavecchia Too easy in 1989 so fairway has been narrowed, the hole shortened and par reduced. Glasgow-Ayr retway runs narrowed, the hole shortened and par reduced. Glasgow-Ayr railway nuns along right side, but a drive left means that the second is threatened by rail that the Second is threatened by rall he if wind is from left. Dip in front of green and a bunder on left front, Jack Nicidaus took 10 in the first Cura ke winning play-off. taus took 10 in his first Open here wan: driver, five-iron to 20ft, two

(E) Crosbie

465 yards, Par 4 begins here with a hole that turns back into wind. Fairway is narrow and undulating with better re-Troon's tearsome finish undulating with heavy rough on right. Elevated green has hollows front and left but no

438 yards, Par 4

Despite its name, there are no bunkers but the hole is not a soft touch. It surrendered a mere 23 birdles in 1989. Blind drive must carry 220 yards to clear steep slope and green slopes left to right. Norman: driver, nine-iron, to 30tt, two puits (par)

(E) Alton

179 yards, Par 3

Three large bunkers guard green which broadens towards back with pin likely

to be near front. Safe tes-shot will be to rear of green

Morman, driver, seven-iron

542 yards, Par 5 457 yards, Par 4 Another tough par four which may have cost Nick Price the file in 1982 when he took double boggy. Three burners frame landing area of the drive. Green is guarded on both sides by three more burkers. Norman: driver, five-Iron to SOft, two putts

223 yants, Par 3

Gyaws Burn reappears some 280 yards out, yet olg-litters might try to clear it off the tea. Playing short leaves a socond shot of some 250 yards to front of green. Norman: one-iron, driver from 277 yards "bast-ever from takway" to 18ft, two cutto things 41. putts (burdle 4)

(B) Craigend 432 yards, Par 4 Five bunkers surround large Had a physizal effect in the last two Opens here, Price bogeying in 1982 to let in Tom Wassor, Norman and Wayne Grady conting to grief in the "89 play-off to let in Calcavecchia. The preen is elevated green, so the long-iro approach must fly to the eart of it. Norman: driver left rough, nine-iron to 30ft, two putts (par). Home in three-underin Calcavectoria. The gapes is determined but which blows across from left and huge bunkers stand right of the green Norman: two-mun to short, from bunker, par 33. Total 64 out but not on green, chipped in with

OUT 3,429 yards, par 36 1N 3,650 yards, par 35 TOTAL 7,079 yards, par 71

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No player will set out with less confidence than Baker-Finch. Nightmares rise up before him. It's more than slump, it's free fall

To paraphrase a lyric that was up there for a while, what goes oo in hooking wide of a lairway wide Ian Baker-Finch's mind, what are the thoughts that surround him? The Open champion at Birkdale in 1991, it is an event these days if his ball lands on the fairway.

The Australian's ongoing anguish highlights an aspect of golf that people fail frequently to appreciate. Technical flaws are less damaging than mental disturbance. A player can look great in rehearsal but then give a very poor performance.

Baker-Finch is not alone in this but no player will set out over the links of Royal Trooo with less confidence. Nightmares rise np before him. It's more than slump, it's free fall. In the Open at St Andrews two

enough to accommodate a fleet of buses. At Lytham last year his ball

ended op in a ehampagne tent. For quite a while Baker-Finch has given the impression that he could not be absolutely sure of hitting the ball with a banjo. There must have been plenty of times when he wished that golf had not been invented.

Golf can be that sort of game but it is usually the putting stroke that deserts them; fine from tee to green but the damn ball won't drop. If Baker-Finch had just that to worry about he would probably go around happy. There is still a smile on his face but it does not tell everything

For example, it took courage to play in the Open, in fact, just to go out in a tournament because the gift is still missing. "If I knew why it wouldn't have gooe," he said vesterday. There isn't one specific thing, not an injury, one bad swing

fault. It's not like my big toe got chopped off or anything like that.
"No, I'm just fighting my way through it, working hard, and maybe I'll come back and defend at Birkdale new year." dale next year.

It is pretty obvious from those words that Baker-Finch will not be setting off today with great expectations. Making the cut would be a triumph. Apart from a few minor eveots in Australia be bas not played since last year's Open. "I was



at the Open

allowed to take a year off the US Tour and my plan is to play io some of the Australian tournaments."

Plenty of golfers have been down the lonely road, none more agonis-

ingly than Bill Rogers whose career collapsed following his victory in the 1981 Open Championship at Sandwich. Sensing that the gift had gone for good Rogers is now a club pro-

Does the Open carry a curse for some of its winners? Rogers, Baker-Finch and Mark Calcavecchia, who has only won twice on the US Tour since winning at Troon in 1989. It isn't something Baker-Finch cares tu think about. "You just don't know," he said. "You've got it one day, then it's gone. But for the last three or four months I've beeo working on my game with Gary Edwin and I think it's turning around. I see a lot of good changes, and my swing is very much different. It's more like it was six or seven years

That's the easy part. The hard part is convincing himself that he can compete again. Baker-Frianh has received plenty of support and more active to the part of th advice than most players get in a lifetime. He admits to mental torment. "Keeping your head up helps you to handle it well, but it doesn't improve your game. I've simply got to trust myself and things that used to work for me. I love the game, I love playing. I don't want to do anything else. But it's up to me. Nobody else can get me back on track."

After a practice round yesterday Baker-Finch's back was burting. He can take pills for that but there is no relief for what goes on in his

Football

Arsène Weoger vesterday

scotched reports that lan Wright was about to leave Ar-

senal, without completely ruling

out his departure in the future.

in October - and may be willing

to pay £3m for him. The Teesside

club signed Paul Merson, another

Highbury favourite, 10 days ago.

Wenger, the Arsenal man-ager, said: "We don't plan to sell

anybody else now, but if play-

ers want to leave then everybody

has a price. In the case of Ian

there has been no direct contact

from Middlesbrough and real-

ly the story has no facts - just

today said: These stories about Ian going to Middlesbrough

are oonsense. He's always said

he wants to end his career at the

One reason Wright might

leave Highbury would be if Wenger signed Dean Sturridge

for whom Derby County want

£7m. Derby might be more in-

clined to sell should they pull

of the signing of the Milan

striker Roberto Baggio, hut

Wright's agent, Jeff Weston,

complete speculation."

top with Arsenal.

Middlesbrough are said to have enquired about the avail-ability of Wright - who will be 34

hall will go straight today or into the next county. Asked if he had any ad-tice for Tiger Woods, he said: "I wish Tiger would give me some".

Baker-Finch would like us to remember that he played well in the 1994 Open, finishing 11th, "Actually it should have been better. I just didn't play well over the last few holes. But that's the last time I resembled a golf professional. It's been hideous hut I've never thought

about giving up."
It isn't sympathy Baker-Finch wants, just a sign that his swing is working again. Straight down the middle from the first tee would do but the way things are it would be wise to take cover.

> to stay in Italy with Bologna. The chances of Les Ferdinand leaving Newcastle and joining his former team-mate

David Ginola at Spurs are sim-

ilarly remote. The Newcastle

chief executive, Freddie Fletch-

er, said: "Les is going nowhere. We haven't even had a hid

Bradford have reacted angri

after a Football League tri-

hunal ordered them to pay

£310,000 to Doncaster for the

defeoder Darren Moore, Brad-

ford described the fee as "totally

outrageous". Meanwhile, Brad-

ford have signed a goalkeeper.

33-year-old Mark Prudhoe from

Stoke for £70,000. The Swindon

striker Peter Thorne has agreed

to join Stoke City, but Swindon

are refusing to budge on their

£2m valuation, and the deal

seems sure 10 go to a tribunal.

Crystal Palace have made a £1.5m hid for Strasbourg's goal-

scoring left-winger David Zit-telli. A Palace delegation was in

France last night trying to close

the deal. Steve Coppell, the

Palace manager, has also spo-

ken to Blackburn's Paul Warburst and has an interest in

Juventus's Attilio Lombardo.

Ford and Nottingham Forest

defender Steve Blatherwick

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Wright staying

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ROBIN NICHOLL with the Tour de France

Laurent Desbiens, third choice for a Tour de France ride, yesterday became a second choice for victory as the Tour fied the Pyrenées for the Mediterranean

As he fought out the finishing sprint with the Ukrainian Sergei Outschakov and the Italian Carlo Finco, the Frenchman's path was sudden blocked by Outschakov. He finished first with an exultant show of raised arms, while Desbiens' right arm shot up in protest. Officials sided with Desbiens, leaving his rival to claim: "My advantage was good. He had room to come past."

Desbiens took the bouquet, for his biggest victory in his third. Tour for which he was not a can-chidate until two weeks before it began. "I knew I could do



something io this Tour," the Cofidis rider said. "Because there was oo pressure on my shoulders."

As is the custom with many riders Desbiens dedicated his victory, this time honouring team-mate Tony Rominger, who broke his collarbone last week. Britain's casualty, Chris Boardman gritted his teeth over Port d'Envalira and two other lesser mountains. He is taking pain-killing tablets for his oeck mjury as well as acupuncture and physiotherapy. He plans to continue when the race resumes after today's rest day in

Boardman was 18 seconds behind the sparring trio who had escaped 15km from the finish, and so too was the race leader Jan Ullrich and 134 other riders. The German is expected to extend his 2min 38 sec advantage over the Frenchman Richard Virenque in Friday's mountain time trial.

Virenque has his limitations in sprints. He prefers his roads sloping and yesterday piled 50 mountains category. He is 74 points clear of FES team-mate Laureot Brochard, with the Alps looming oo Saturday. Support among the sweating

thousands on the route to Perpignan was split between Virenque and Bjarne Riis. Danisb flags were painted on the road and hung across the route. The French however found a oovel way of saluting their hero -eight fans stripped to the waist, each bearing a letter of the rider's name on his torso. All were covered in large red spots, the colours of the king of the



The peleton leaves Andorra and climbs up Col du Chiouis during yesterday's 11th stage

The crowds were not so nu- a broken chain and a damaged they still had their heroes. Rene Vietto, a waiter from the Cote d'Azure, twice answered the call to save Magne in the 1934 race. On the road to Perpignan he gave his wheel to replace one of that Tour, Magne had smashed. The next

merous in the years when An- wheel. He turned back to ride ton Magne won his Tours, but towards his pursuers, and on finding his stranded team leader gave Magne his bike Magne won the Tour, but Vietto won the bearts of the French. He was acclaimed as the moral winner

Ullrich does not face such day, Vietto was leading the threats to his jersey. Team cars race when he was told that are just a radio call away from Magne was again in trouble with any rider in trouble.

TOUR DE FRANCÉ 11th stage (1925um, 119 usiles, Andorra to Perpignen): 1, L Deshiens (Fri COF Stur OSmin OSsec (ev speed 37,760 kmh; 2 e Frince (i) MAG, same time; 3 5 Outschekov (likin) PLT, str (knished 1st bus placed 3rd for not holding line): 4 F Moncasson (Fri GAN): 5 E Zabel (Ger) TEL, 6 M Travescord (i) MER; 7 F Baldato (lita) MAG; 13 A Tchrini (Uhr) LOT; 14 R McDwer (Aus) RAB; 15 E Debler (Nehri RAB; 16 I Rochtgers: IPON BAN; 17 P Chameur (Fri CSO; 38 V Elumov (Rab) (15 I Boddgers: 190 C Mengin (Fri PD), all +18sec. Selectiest; 34 R Vicenque (Fri FES; 37 A Olano (Sp) BAN; 49 I Ultrich (GP) TEL; 51 E Boardman (GB) GAN; 52 M Sclandri (GB) FDJ; 64 8 Rs (Den) TEL; 134 L Justeer (Fr) CNCE, str

Overall standings: 1 Ulinch 60hr 06min 17sec: 2 Virengue +2min 38sec; 3 Okano

the first half Wales had actual-

ly found themselves behind af-

ter Ontario's full-back Joe

Pagano made the most of some

weak tackling to score a try

Photograph: Allsport

+4:46; 4 Rig +4:53; 5 M Partiera (II) MER +5:29; 6 F Escertin (Sp) KEL +5:46; 7 L Dufaux (Swif) FES +6:02; 8 Il Camenand (Swif) MAP +7:00; 9 F Casagrande (II) SAE +7:20; 10 C Vosseur (Fri GAN +7:31; 11 P Lino (Fr) Beb +7:43; 32 P Lumanberger (Aut) RAB +8:02; 13 J Immenz (Sp) BAN +9:33; 14 D Nardello (II) MAP +10:01; 15 R Cortii (II) MER +10:20; 18 A Bir (II) CSO +10:41; 17 J Laukka (Fin) FES +11:15; 18 L Madquas (Fri (DT +12:19; 19 Z Zberg (Swif) MER +12:47; 20 F Simon (Fri GAN +13:58, Selectotic 29 Javabert +24 mm 32:set; 79 Sciandh +1hr Limin 54:sec; 91 Boardanan +1:10:42.

Points: 1. Zabel 272pts; 2 F Moncassin (Fr GAN 191; 3 J Billievers (Neth) TVM 168; 4 M Traversom (to MER 126; 5 N Minak (to BAT 121.

The only downside for the

Welsh was a dislocated shoulder

for the Pontypridd prop Aled

Griffiths, who only arrived in

Canada on Sunday as a re-

placement for Christian Loader,

their chances of doing so appear increasingly forlorn, with yesterday for £250,000 and the Italian international likely £150,000 respectively. Challenge mastered

by Golding's Group 4

Sailing

STUART ALEXANDER

Mike Golding's Group 4 led the 14-strong fleet home to Southampton yesterday at the end of the sixth and final leg from Boston of the BT Global Challenge round the world

We had a terrific time." he said. "Our success was largely due to the fact that the crew were all enjoying themselves as well as working hard.

"We were in this to win," be said. "We never contemplated any other result from the very

beginning."
Golding's total time over the course, which also took the amateur crews each paying up to £20,000 for the trip, from Southampton to Rio de Janeiro, Wellington, Sydney and Cape Town, was 161 days, 5 hours, 25 minutes and 18 seconds.

Second into Southampton in the early hours of yesterday morning and also second overall was Simon Walker in Toshiba. His time of 163 days, 11 hours, 14 minutes and 34 seconds was almost 54 hours slower.

"The guys have done an ab-solutely superb joh," Walker said. "I'm really proud of every

single one of them." Third back from Boston was Chris Tibbs on Concert with a leading BT executive. Dr Alan Rudge, in the crew. Any chance of a podium place in the overall standings had been lost for Tibbs when his yacht was dismasted on the second leg from Rio to Wellington. But Tibbs said: "We consider ourselves one of the three top hoats and it proved itself again today."

Most of the remainder of the boats were due in yesterday but a special welcome is reserved today for the crew of Time & Tide, skippered by James Hatfield. They are largely disabled or recovering from

Despite some friction and injuries on the way round they bave achieved their objective to be the first disabled crew to sait around the world and they did it over a course which goes against the prevailing winds and currents. They are expected to be in time for a cham pagne breakfast.

Warren attack on 'nonsense'

Promoter Frank Warren yesterday pleaded with the sport's authorities to cut out the politics and leave Naseem Hamed free to clean up the featherweight division.

Warren was responding to the International Boxing Federa-tion's demand that Hamed defeods against their No 1 cootcoder Hector Lizarraga in his next fight. And the IBF have still to give their blessing to Saturday's defence against Argentina's Juan Cabrera at the Wembley Arcna, although it has

been sanctiooed by the World Boxing Organisation.

Warreo is urging that Hamed, the WBO and IBF champion, should be allowed to target lucrative unification boots against World Boxing Council champion Luisito Espinosa and World Boxing Associatioo bolder Wilfredo Vasquez, but Lizarraga is emerging as a problem.

Warren said: "We're getting these problems with the IBF.

They want him to fight Lizarraga, the No 1 challenger. He's got eight losses and five draws. Fights like these are not great to sell. We're looking for unifications.

on despite calls for his retire-

ment after excellent perfor-

"I am not at all discouraged.

two or three more seasons,"

Lucy Harris in the women's foil.

15-11 to China's Zuo Bin,

Fletcher crashed 15-8 to

Spaniard Fernando Medina

and Ian Williams was defeated

15-12 by German Steffen

Wiesinger. The British tale of

woe was maintained by Khaled

Beydoun's 15-5 drubbing by

Korean Kim Seung-Pyo in the

first round of the men's foil.

James Williams went down

"The fighters and the promoters are all trying to deliver what the public and TV companies want, and what is the best in the division, but unfortunately we're getting bogged down by politics and nonsense.

The IBF will insist the next fight is Lizarraga, and we will consider our position, make a decision. One thing has got to be sure: Naz is the best featherweight in the IBF division.

"The organisations have got to listen to the fans, listen to what goes on in their sport. There have been a couple of rubbish matches, especially last weekend and everybody accepts it's not good."

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Wyatt leads romp for Wales

Wales romped to the fifth straight win of their north American tour in Hamilton yesterday with a strong performance in which a handful of players emerged to put pressure on those who fig-ured in the two international vic-

tories over the American Eagles. The tourists scored nine tries with Pontypridd's Gareth Wyatt elaiming a hat-trick while fellow wing Dafydd James ran in two. However, midway through

which Steve Pettigrew converted to add to his earlier penalty. But the Welsh responded as Neal Boobyer ran in a try from the restart which Lee Jarvis converted to regain the lead at

Wyatt and Jarvis ran in further tries to make it 25-10 at the interval, and Ontario were unshie to break down the Welsh defence throughout the second balf. Instead the tries flowed freely for the tourists.

placement for Christian Loader, Ontorio: Try Pagano; Conversion Petrigrew, Pennsity Petrigrew, Wales: Tries & Wyari 3, James 2, James 2, Appleyert, Boobyer; Conversion James 3: Pennsity James 2, James 22, Appleyert, Boobyer; Conversion James 3: Pennsity James 2, James 2, James 2, Appleyert, Boobyer; Contorior, Petrigrew, Armstrong (Miller, 56); Jacques, Hendry, Ashley (Marshell, 67), Toyrior, McCorthy, Mussigney, Ross, Samde, WALES: M Back (Swenseal; & Wyatt Pontypridd), N Boobyer (Libraell), J. Lowis (Pontypridd), N Boobyer (Libraell), J. Lowis (Pontypridd), N Boobyer (Libraell), J. Lowis (Pontypridd), N Boobyer (Birdemord, capti; 1 Barkett (Swensea), & Ambhony (Breanseal), S. Moore (Swansea), C. Anthony (Breanseal), S. Moore (Swansea), R. Appleyand (Swansea), S. Williams (Nearly), Replacements: A Gartiths (Pontypridd) for Buckett, Ed. R. Michyde (Lianelly for Jerhans, 70).

Athletics

Motor racing

Fencing

The Austrian Gerhard Berger yesterday spun off the Monza circuit in his first outing in a Formula One car since three sinus operations and the death of his

father. His Benettoo-Recault careered off the circuit at more than 186mph during a private practice session, but he escaped unburt. Thankfully 1 finished up in the grass, other- Berger said. Britain's best foiled again

Britain's disappointing showing in the World Championships

continued in Cape Town yes-

terday when three more fencers

were beaten in the first round.

Fletcher and Ian Williams all

lost in the men's sabre to follow

Tuesday's early exits of Fiona

McIntosh, Linda Strachan and

James Williams, Mark

Berger crashes at Monza Football wise it could have been a serious accident. It hasn't been a

PREDICT MATCHES: Bashley v Bounemouth (7.30); Bohennans v Crusaders (7.45); More-cambe v Carisia (7.30); Shelbourne v Hud-dessfield; St Patrick's Athlete v Sunderland; Therron Town v Barnaley (7.30); UCD v Swin-don (7.30); Macchashid v Dundee (7.30); Scangrough v Oldham (7.0). great return," Berger said. The 35-year-old, who has missed the last three grands prix, Speedway said he still has the desire to go ELITE LEAGUE: Inswich v Pools (7.30).
PREMIER LEAGUE: Shaffield v Berwick (7.45).

maoces by his rookie replacement, Alexander Wurz. Other sports cour: Open Championship (Royal Troon). CHARLEMAS: ASA National Championships I hope to continue to drive for TEMES: Men's Che chester).

> TODAY'S NUMBER

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The amount in pounds that the Ukrainian club Metalurg Marjupol were fined after their head coach, Yuri Pohrebnyak, was barmed for life for beating up the referee after his side's home defeat on Sunday.

ne (Legani), C Hester (Legal Democrat) and K Mopham (Division), Filst reserve: F Elberg (Arun Tor), Second reserve: L Lorston-Clarke (Cathessian Dazder). the British team to compete in the World Championships in Athens next month. The 34-year-old Watford Harrier will run

Lameck Aguta, the Kenyan Common-weath 10,000m chempion, was still un-conscious yesterday, four days efter he sustained head injuries in a car crash with a fee to be confirmed. although a brain scan showed no seri-

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yerkees 12 Clevelant 6: Cadand 6 Sentile 5; Detroit 7 Bosson 5 (12 Innings); Beltimore 8 Tomoto 4: Minousce 6 Kansas Cdy 2: Winnesda 6 Chasago White Sox 4: Anahéim 8 Tomo 2 MATEMAL LEAGUE: Housen 5 Chicago Cubs 3: Los Angeles 6 Colorado 5; Montre-al 5 Ronda 0: S. Louis 7 Concentil 4; Phys-burgh 4 New York Mets 3; Philledephia 8 Atlanta 1; San Francisco 16 Sen Diego 2.

Oricinet

Nottinghamshire have signed the all rounder Alex Whatf following his release from Yorkshire on Tuesday. The Bradford-born 22-year-old has a contract until the end of the 1998 season and was making his debut for their Second XI against Northamptonshire yesterday.

ASIA CIIP (Colombol: Paldsen 319 for 5 (50 overs; Saeed Amer 90, Ramb Rays 52, Incamm-ul-Hay 77, Salim Makit 52). Bengadesh 210 (48,3 overs Almar Al Khan 52, Alvam Khan 55; Saqien Mushiga 5-38).

Paidstan won by 109 runs.

Equestrianism British Team For European Dress

SPORTING DIGEST

Football The Crystal Palace goalleaper, Chris Day, formerly with Tottenham, yesterday agreed to join Second Division Watford

with a fee to be commission.

Swindon have signed a £175,000 sponsorship dealer with Arkell's Brewery. The North Stand at the County Ground will be renamed the Arkel's

Manchester City have been ordered by a transfer tribunal to pay First Dwiston rivals (pswich £1,35m for central defender Tony Vaughan. City had valued the player at less than half that price. Wigan's Isidro Diaz, 24, has been re-leased by mutual consent after failing to agree terms with the Second Divi-sion side. Roberto Martinaz is now the sole survivor of Spenish tric known as the "Three Amigos" who arrived at Springfield Park in 1995 and also in-cluded Jesus Seba who left the club last

LEADING FIFA WORLD RANGENGS: 1 Brazi LEADING FIFA WORLD RANGINGS: 1. Bezol 71.BS(ps; 2.5 pp; 63.36; 3.0 bennerin 62.55; 4. Romanis 60.90; 5. Germany 60.74; 6. Netherhords 60.54; 7. Russle 60.51; 8. Eng-land 59.99; 9. zay 59.56; 10 Mexico 59.11. Selected: 24. Sourand 52.77; 52. Republic of Indiand 44.18; 69 Northern Ireland 39.10; 90 Wales 33.18. TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Intern

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Pools dividends LITTLEWOODS: Treble chance: 24pts £965,828.00. 23 £14,487.45, 22 £403.25, 21 £145.25. VERNONS: Treble Chance 22 pts: 12.593.15, 21.646.50, 20.64.75. ZETTERS: Treble Chance: 24 pts: £16,067.90, 23 £1.331.95, 22 £27.80, 21

27:30. 27:30. 28:111243; Troble Chance: 23 pts 21:341.80, 22 25.85, 21 25.60. Eight botton 19.45. Four Drawn 118.75. Sk

Rugby Union

England A lock Dave Sims will miss the first eight weeks of Gloucester's season because of an Achilles tendon injury. Last season's Gloucester captain has pulled out of the club's 10-day preriss pulsed out of the cities 10-day pre-sesson tour in France and is not ex-pected to be fit until mid-October. Currently in plaster because of the ver-tical tear in his right tendon. Sams has targeted the League match with Lon-don Irish on 19 October for his come-hack.

A total of 76 players, drawn from each A total of 76 players, grawn runn each of the four provinces, have been offered part-time or full-time contracts by the Irish Rugby Footbell Union. The full-time players will be offered a £25,000 retainer, plus additional bonuses. while the offer to the part-time players is a retainer of £7,500 plus bonuses. This is a critical step in our programme to the exceptibles. step in our programme to re-establish Ireland as a major force in world rugby," Nigil Brophy, the IRFU President, said.

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TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Premier
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NAGOYA, GRAND TOURNASSENT (Magoya, Japan) 11th day (of 15): Kinakachido is non 6, lost 5 to Chyonesia (8-3); Kotopiu (7-4) ti Terao (7-4): Rivo (6-5) ti Gopo (3-8): Tochnonata (7-4) ti Hamenoshima (7-6); Kyoloshican (6-5) ti Shikishima (6-5); Yaman (3-8): ti Manoura (5-5); Asanovalia (6-5) ti Moromati (3-8); Kotonsalia (5-6): Tochnosalia (4-7) ti Manatilia (4-7): Minocum (6-5) ti Kotonskia (3-8); Kotonsalia (3-9) ti Asanovalia (3-8); Kotonsalia (3-9) ti Asanovalia (3-8); Kotonsalia (3-6) ti Tochnosalia (4-7) ti Manatilia (6-5) ti Takatonia (6-5) ti Asanovalia (7-4) ti Asanovalia (5-6): Tochnosalia (7-4) ti Asanovalia (5-6): Tochnosalia (7-4); Alashonoma (7-4); Alashonoma (7-4); Alashonoma (7-4); Alashonoma (8-2) ti Higonoum (1-10); Takanohana (7-4); Alashono (9-2) ti Higonoum (1-10); Takanohana (10-1) ti Ganyu (6-5).

LESG MASON CLASSIC (Weshington) Men's utagles, second round: M Chang (US) bt L Herrera (Mex) 6-3 6-7 7-6. Kanna Habsudova, of Slovakia, advanced to the quarter-finals of the Czech Open

women's clay-court tournament yes-terday after her opponent, Argentina's Manana Diaz-Oliva, collapsed from ex-

hausdon.

(ZZECH OPEN WOMEN'S CLAY COURT TOURNAMENT (Pragos) Singles, second round: C Cistes (Rom) in R Songson (Can) 6-3 6-3; M Manusia (Aut) in L Courtois (Be) delault; K Hersudova (Slovek) bit M Daz Olius (Arg) 4-6 6-2 4-0 delault; Mercedes CUP MEN'S TOURNAMENT (Statigart, Ger) Second round: F Maralio (Sp) bit F Malegeri (Br) 6-4 6-4; M Larsson

(Swet bit G Rusedski (GB) 7-6-6-7-6-4. A Por-cas (Spi) bit 7 Muster (Mut) 6-4-7-5; F Cowin (Spi) bit M Rosser (Swit) 7-5-6-1; Y Noticinion, Rus) bit 5 Sondool (Ca Reji (6-3-7-5; B Reck er (Gen) bit 5 Dosdool (Ca Reji (6-3-7-5; B Reck Ciscale) bit A Methedere (Ulch 6-7-6-4; N Incert (Shoole) bit A Methedere (Ulch 6-7-6-4; A Be-rasotteput (Spi) bit F Vicertee (Spi) 6-4-6-7, II Sumy (Angli bit B Mahrach (Ca Repi) 7-6-6-7 M Ros (Chite) bit 1 Sanchez (Spi) 6-7-6-7-5 Blanco (Spi) bit C Moya (Spi) 4-6-7-6-7-5 (N Incertain Company) (Spi) 1-6-7-6-7-5 (N Incertain Carlot) (Spi) bit C Moya (Spi) 4-6-7-6-7-5 (N Incertain Carlot) (Spi) bit C Moya (Spi) 4-6-7-6-7-5 (N Incertain Carlot) (Spi) bit C Moya (Spi) 4-6-7-6-7-5 (N Incertain Carlot) (Spi) bit C Moya (Spi) 4-6-7-6-7-5 (N Incertain Carlot) (Spi) (Spi) 4-6-7-6-7-5 (N Incertain Carlot) (Spi) (Spi)

Jo Ward, the second seed and only British survivor at the women's event in Frinton, after four other home players were all beaten in vesterday's second round, will play Israel's Tarpora Obsiler in today's quarter-finals.

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(GB) 7-5-6-3; I Ward (GB) by V Rendon (Aus6-1-4-6-3; M Joubert (SA) by H Martinews
(GB) 6-3-1-6-6-2; T Ausgrave (Aust in C Unida (Right) 6-2-6-2; T Opener (Aust in C UniGB) 6-4-6-4. There will be six British representatives

in today's last 16 of the Manchester Challenger, including Chris Wilkinson, the champion of two years ago and Mark Petchey, just back from Kiev with the Davis Cup squad. Petchey next meets the Austran Julian Knowle, while Wilkinson from the Christopher of the Market Wilkinson from the Christopher of the Christop son faces Chris Haggard, of South Africa, for a place in the quarter-finals.

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THE 126TH OPEN: Classic Championship in prospect as the best players, all in top form, wonder which way the wind will blow

Troon awaits the Tiger's roar

ANDY FARRELL

reports from Royal Troon

Only a couple of months ago golf was meant to have ceased being a competitive sport. The only man in the game at Augusta was a Tiger. Woods, winner of the US Masters by a record 12

strokes, had turned it into a one dimensional game in which massive and uninhibited hitting was all that mattered. But here we are, at Royal

Troon, under overcast skies and with the vagaries of the British seaside breeze to contend, and the 126th Open Championship could not be more fascinatingly poised. You do not need to have been sniffing the ozone to realise that with all the leading players feeling confident about their games, this Open could be a

Whether Woods appears with his 'A' game is only one of the questions to be resolved by Sunday evening. Colin Mont-gometie at his home course, Tom Lehman, who would rather like to continue looking at the silver claret jug in the privacy of his home, and Ernie Els, the winner of a thrilling US Open only a month ago, are also serious contenders. The number of players just bubbling under the top bracket are too numerous to mention, but include such names as Greg Norman and Nick Faldo.

"Every man and his dog is here this week and it looks like everybody is playing well," said Els. "It's going to be exciting tomorrow morning to see how the guys shape up. Who's going to come out fighting?"

"What would be really excit-ing would be for all the guys who

are supposedly in good form to still be in good form on Sun-day," added Lehman. "This really doesn't happen very often."

Woods set off for his last practice round at 7.30 yesterday morning, watched by no more than two dozen people. Not for long, though, and definitely not when he tees off at lunchtime today. "The people here are just waiting to embrace him." said Lehman. "He has a great opportunity for many, many years to be a real favourite here. If he embraces the fans, he will be a huge hit."

Lehman added: "Tiger is mentally very strong. I don't see a lot ruffling his feathers. He has a great head on his shoulders." Woods will have to use it for Lehman had this warning: You just can't bomb it all over the ranch and expect to

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play as usual." Troop will uffer both a severe test, and the opportunity fur those on top of their games to score well. The fairways are narin places, but the fairways and greens are soft and holding. The wind will be the key factor and is expected tu switch to the pre-vailing direction - helping un find unt what exactly all that who just have a knack for play-



Master stroke: Tiger Woods, the world No 1, drives off the tee during yesterday's practice round at Royal Troon

the shorter front nine, against on the fearsome back half.

Missing Headley

and scoreboard, page 28

County Championship reports

"If the wind continues to hlow, it is going to take a lot of solid half-striking to get round this course," said Lehman. "1 think that is to my advantage." But also to his main challengers.

"We'll find a guy winning this week with a lot uf imagination. whu can keep his game and his shot-making under control," said Els. "The course is going tu play really long. The rough is up, especially on the back nine. I think it's going to take row and the rough treacherous a lot of patience, a lot of in places, but the fairways and courage and all of the rest of the stuff that comes with trying to win a major championship."

stuff is. In 1989, he failed to qualify, but the following year here came the "best result of my life" when he married a Troon lass. Eimcar Montgomerie was a waitress at the 1982 Open, and served Linda Watson a gin and tonic as husband Tom won. Each bitter defeat for Monty has added a new layer of maturity and he is the popular vote

of the other players. His local knowledge of Troon is needed to counteract the fact that links golf does not come naturally to him. This style of golf is an art form in itself, something Lehman, who is playing in only his fourth Open, has come tu appreciate. "It

ing links golf," he said, men-. tioning Peter Thomson's run of four wins and three second between 1952 and 1958, Watson's five wins in nine years and Fal-do's record of finishing outside the top 20 only four times in 21 Opens. "You have to have the right game, but you also have to have the right mindset," Lehman added.

Though Woods has been backed down to 6-1, in the spread betting market Sporting Index report punters buying the 21-year-old to finish worse than 19th. Els and Lehman are fancied to do better than 17th and 18th respectively, but Faldo also has attracted the buying market. The three-times champion's preparation would

have been low key but for the public row with his club manufacturers at Loch Lomond, and further published comments

about his disenchantment with

the European Tour. Faldo, who hits 40 on Friday, is in the unusual situation of not only not being the favourite but not even being the fancied Briton. He has switched to the putter with which he won the 1989 and 1990 US Masters and the 1990 Open and is detecting stirrings in his game which has flickered only briefly this year at the LA Open in February. But when he said: "I am sure there will be a few other guys who sneak in there as well [as the top players [", he was think-ing of himself.

Photograph: David Ashdown

Though Ian Baker-Finch, the 1991 champion, has decided to play after all, Dean Robertson, the Scottish pro who was the first alternate, will tee no anyway as the Japanese player Toshimitsu Izawa withdrew with an injured finger. Though fairytales like the Australian, or the equally beleaguered Seve Ballesteros, might be too fanciful, Jose Maria Olazabal could provide a heart-warming story away from the mainstream. Otherwise, will Tigermania or Montymania prevail? Let the

Ian Baker-Finch, page 31 Guy Hodgson on Tom Watson, Tee-off times,

'He can do things with a golf ball that I can't relate to'

In terms of the impact he can a position to win he very rarely make on the game, he's the most important golfer who has ever played. Tom Watson.

I played with him at the

British Open two years ago when he was 19 and I thought his short game was not quite up to standard. I've got to take those words back now. He's a very determined man, he worked his faults and that's why

he's No 1. Ernie Els. He can do things with a golf ball that I can't relate to. Payne

He's a fine young man. He has become a major superstar and his privacy is very limited now. I don't think that if I was 21 years old I could handle it as well as he has done. Mark O'Meara.

Angusta is made for one Tiger Woods and if he doesn't win the Masters every second year I'll be very surprised. At licon this is more of a level playing field. Colin Montgomerie.

He shot 11 out of 12 rounds over par in a stretch and every-

one was saying "What's gone wrong with Tiger?" That's going to happen, that's inevitable. Then, sure enough be wins the Western Open. He's great for the game, He's a good kid. He tries to come off sounding mature to the Press but when he's talking to me be's a 21 year old. Mark Calcevecchia.

The holes Woods needs to birdie he hirdies. When he's in

goes backwards. Frank Nobile Cut away the all the hype and Tiger is a nice young guy, he's good to be around with. All the other stuff that comes out is a little much at times but he's the real deal, I can tell you. He's going to be a hard guy to beat for the next whatever, Steve Elkington.

He has the potential to dwarf the impact that Jack Nicklaus and I made. Arnold Palmer.

The only way I can create such arm speed is when I drive with my elbow hanging out of the car window. Nick Faldo.

Tiger is the best player in the world by some margin. If the winds hiow strong he could struggle because he hasn't got the experience of the conditions but if it stays calm his fluid, natural game and formidable mental strength will mean he can win the Open, Ken Brown, former Ryder Cup player and Sky television commentator.

He is learning about his game every day. I'm not taking any-thing away from amateur golf, don't get me wrong, but when you go out there day in day out against 140 players who can really play you learn about yourself. Tiger is constantly improving. Nick Price. .

He's good enough to deal with any weather and any golf course. Greg Norman.

He's just going to get bigger, fellas, Earl Woods (his father).

From Young Tom to a hungry Tiger

Woods, the youngest wha-little US Masters, could be seen Sundey, at 21 years and months and 21 days, the est winner of the Open this. ry. Seve. Ballestance cur-holds that distinction and

1979. Woods would also become the third youngest winner of all time. Willie Auchtenonie was 21 years and 24 days when he became chainpion in 1893, but the record

is held by Young Tom Monds tolc-itined). The sort of three-time hampion Old Torn Morns, Young Tora was 17 years, five moritis and eight days when he won at Prestwick, the adjoining course to floyal from in 1868.

Three years before Young Tom-had become the youngest ever

compestor in the Open. More fall won the Chemptonship Belt had the thind successive time the 1870 the event lapsed because Monts has allowed in least the prophy. A silver obsert highes punichased when the Open was restarted in 1872 and Young

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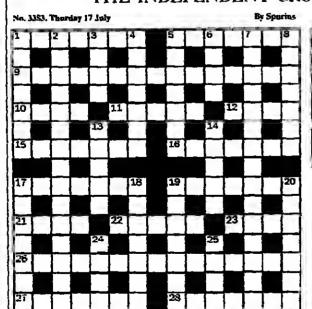
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THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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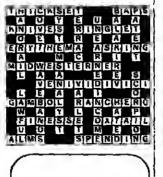
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duce weight (7) 19 Recount abject defeat (7)20 Castigates strike-breaker caught by workers (7) 24 Topless vision seen in the paper? (4) 25 Moisture and first sign of

mould in upper apariment

Four long shots who are in with a chance



Happy playing in the wind after growing up in Rhode island where he won the State Junior ti-tle three times and the State Amateur twice. Has taken over from Ben Clenshew as the mostly naturally gifted putter around. Likely to earn second Ryder Cup appearance at Valdenama. Won once this year and was seventh at Turnbeny in 1994.



FRANK NOBILO (NZ) Bearded descendent of Italian pleate who won the Greet Greensboro Open after moving full time to the US Tour and recovening from mystery shout-Open two weeks after. Regular contender in recent American majors, and his best finish in the Open is 11th also at Tumberry in 1994.



VLIAY SINGH (Fill)

Victorious at a soggy Memorial Tournament as well as at the South African Open earlier in the year. As-siduous worker on the practice range and a big hitter who will be helped by calmer con-ditions. One top-10 finish in the Open. came at St Andrews two years ago when he



LEE WESTWOOD (Eng) Furnnean Tour's star-inthe making who was 24th and 19th in his first appearances in the US Masters and the US. Open this year. Playing in only its third Open, after missing the cut last year and finishing 96th in 1995. Two second and two thirds in Europe, plus a win in Malaysia this

Kendall closes in on Ravanelli

Football

The Everton manager, Howard Kendall, yesterday pronounced himself optimistic that Fabrizio Ravanelli would soon be joining his club.

After a day of talks with the Italian international striker Kendall said: "I am hopeful that things are moving forward, and it's looking good at the moment." Everton have already agreed

a fee of £7.5m with Ravanelli's

Kendali showed the Italian around the club's Bellfield trainine ground facilities, and the two then moved on to Goodison for talks about personal terms. Liverpool, meanwhile, are

confident that Paul Ince will have completed his £4.5m move from Internazionale by the start of next week. The England midfield player has already undergone a medical at Antield and the two clubs are finalising details.
Roy Evans, the Liverpool

employers, Middlesbrough. manager, said: "It will be completed some time this week or early next week. He wanted to go and speak to the Inter president and tell him of his decision, which I think was the night thing to do."

Roy Keane will take over as captain on Manchester United's tour of the Far East, but it may only be a temporary position for him. The United manager, Alex Ferguson, is apparently eager to see whether the captaincy suits

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